



Statutory Rules 1989 No. 330¹

National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations² (Amendment)

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Regulations under the *National Health Act 1953*.

Dated 29 November 1989.

BILL HAYDEN
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

PETER STAPLES
Minister of State for Housing
and Aged Care

Commencement

1. (1) Regulations 1, 2 and 8 commence on 1 December 1989.
- (2) Regulations 3 to 7 (inclusive) commence on 1 January 1990.

Principal Regulations

2. In these Regulations, “Principal Regulations” means the National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations.

Pharmaceutical benefits prescription record forms

3. Regulation 9A of the Principal Regulations is amended:
 - (a) by omitting from paragraph (4) (b) “benefit.” and substituting “benefit;”;
 - (b) by adding at the end of subregulation (4) the following paragraph:

“(c) the amount of the charge made for the supply of the pharmaceutical benefit.”.

Pharmaceutical benefits entitlement card

4. Regulation 9B of the Principal Regulations is amended by inserting after paragraph (1) (d) the following paragraph:

“(da) the age and sex of the applicant and of each person referred to in paragraph (c);”.

Additional entitlement cards

5. Regulation 9C of the Principal Regulations is amended:

(a) by omitting subregulation (1) and substituting the following subregulations:

“(1) A person who is or was a holder of an entitlement card that has been lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed may apply to the Secretary for the issue to the person of an additional entitlement card.

“(1A) A person:

- (a) who is a holder of an entitlement card but whose particulars are not included on the card; or
- (b) who is a holder of an entitlement card, other than a person referred to in paragraph (a) or subregulation (1);

may apply to:

- (c) the Secretary; or
- (d) where the original entitlement card was issued by an approved pharmacist, approved medical practitioner or approved hospital authority—that approved pharmacist, approved medical practitioner or approved hospital authority;

for the issue to the person of an additional entitlement card.”;

(b) by omitting from subregulation (2) “sub-regulation (1)” and substituting “subregulation (1) or (1A)”;

(c) by omitting subparagraphs (2) (b) (iv) and (v) and substituting the following subparagraphs:

- “(iv) the age and sex of the applicant and of each person (other than the applicant) who is a member of the family of the original holder of the entitlement card;
- (v) the number (if known) of any other entitlement card held by a member of the family of the original holder of the entitlement card; and
- (vi) in the case of an application by a person referred to in subregulation (1)—the number (if known) of the entitlement card;”.

Replacement entitlement cards

6. Regulation 9D of the Principal Regulations is amended by inserting after subparagraph (2) (b) (iii) the following word and paragraph:

“and (iv) the age and sex of the applicant and of the new family member;”.

Refusal to issue additional or replacement cards

7. Regulation 9E of the Principal Regulations is amended:

- (a) by omitting from subregulation (1) “regulation 9C” (first occurring) and substituting “subregulation 9C (1A)”;
- (b) by omitting from subregulation (1) “regulation 9C or 9D” and substituting “subregulation 9C (1A) or regulation 9D”;
- (c) by omitting from subregulation (2) “regulation 9C” and substituting “subregulation 9C (1A)”.

Repeated supplies of pharmaceutical benefits

8. Regulation 25 of the Principal Regulations is amended by omitting subregulation (2) and substituting the following subregulation:

“(2) Where:

- (a) a prescription directs that a pharmaceutical benefit is to be supplied more than once; and
- (b) the pharmaceutical benefit is supplied (whether or not for the first time);

the pharmaceutical benefit must not be supplied again (whether by the same supplier or by a different supplier) within the period of 3 days after the day on which it was so supplied.”.

NOTES

1. Notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on 30 November 1989.
2. Statutory Rules 1960 No. 17 as amended by 1960 Nos. 90 and 102; 1961 Nos. 59 and 137; 1962 Nos. 34, 101 and 114; 1963 Nos. 34, 69 and 107; 1964 Nos. 12, 57 and 135; 1965 Nos. 51, 151 and 152; 1966 Nos. 80 and 144; 1967 Nos. 67, 116 and 158; 1968 Nos. 44, 76, 88 and 146; 1969 Nos. 44, 107 and 185; 1970 Nos. 39, 94, 119 and 186; 1971 Nos. 44, 101, 136 and 154; 1972 Nos. 32, 121 and 205; 1973 Nos. 15, 57, 139 and 229; 1974 Nos. 37, 126 and 222; 1975 Nos. 50, 148 and 209; 1976 Nos. 84, 150, 195 and 255; 1977 Nos. 39, 125 and 221; 1978 Nos. 47, 142, 153 and 245; 1979 Nos. 51, 55, 144 and 250; 1980 Nos. 69, 213 and 338; 1981 Nos. 52, 212, 218 and 345; 1982 Nos. 69, 76, 179, 334 and 372; 1983 Nos. 28, 102, 116 and 292; 1984 Nos. 50, 148, 169 and 342; 1985 Nos. 32, 184 and 320; 1986 Nos. 38, 194, 319, 320 and 391; 1987 Nos. 47, 262 and 279; 1988 No. 56.