
GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

No. R. 195

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MEDICINES AND RELATED SUBSTANCES ACT, 1965

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE TRANSPARENT PRICING SYSTEM FOR MEDICINES AND SCHEDULED SUBSTANCES: AMENDMENT

(DISPENSING FEE FOR PERSONS OTHER THAN PHARMACISTS)

The Minister of Health, on the recommendation of the Pricing Committee, intends, in terms of section 22G(2) (b) of the Medicines and Related Substances Act, 1965 (Act No. 101 of 1965), to make the regulations in the Schedule.

Interested persons are requested to submit comments on the proposed regulations within four weeks of publication of this notice to the Director-General: Health (for the attention of the Director: Pharmaceutical Economic Evaluations, Private Bag X828 Pretoria 0001).

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations "the Regulations" means the Regulations Relating to the Transparent Pricing System for Medicines and Scheduled Substances published under government Notice No R1102 of 11 November 2005.

Amendment of Regulation 12

2. The following subregulations are hereby substituted for subregulations (1) and (2) of regulation 12 of the regulations:

[Option One]

- (1) Where the single exit price of a medicine or Scheduled substance is less than sixty-five rand, the dispensing fee must not exceed 30% of the single exit price in respect of that medicine or Scheduled substance; and

- (2) Where the single exit price of a medicine or Scheduled substance is greater than or equal to sixty-five rands, the dispensing fee shall not exceed twenty rands in respect of that medicine or Scheduled substance.

OR

[Option Two]

- (1) (a) Where the single exit price of a medicine or Scheduled substance is less than twenty rand, the dispensing fee shall be R2 plus 28% of the single exit price in respect of that medicine or scheduled substance.
- (b) Where the single exit price of a medicine or Scheduled substance is greater than or equal to twenty rand but less than forty rand, the dispensing fee shall be six rand plus 16% of the single exit price in respect of that medicine or scheduled substance.
- (2) (a) Where the single exit price of a medicine or Scheduled substance is greater than or equal to forty rand but less than eighty rand, the dispensing fee shall be eight rand plus 10% of the single exit price in respect of that medicine or scheduled substance.
- (b) Where the single exit price of a medicine or Scheduled substance is greater than or equal to eighty rand, the dispensing fee shall be fourteen rand plus 3% of the single exit price in respect of that medicine or scheduled substance, but shall not exceed forty-four rands.

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