
GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

No. R. 583

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MEDICINES AND RELATED SUBSTANCES ACT, 1965

REGULATIONS RELATING TO A TRANSPARENT PRICING SYSTEM FOR MEDICINES AND SCHEDULED SUBSTANCES

THE 2010 RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRICING COMMITTEE ON THE DRAFT 2010 DISPENSING FEE TO BE CHARGED BY PERSONS LICENCED IN TERMS OF SECTION 22C (1) (a)

The Minister of Health has , on the recommendation of the Pricing Committee, in terms of section 22G of the Medicines and Scheduled Substances Act, 1965 (Act No. 101 of 1965) made the regulations in the schedule.

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

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations, the word "regulations" means the regulations relating to a Transparent Pricing System for Medicines and Related Substances published under Government Notice No. 1102 of 11 November 2005 as amended.

Substitution of regulation 12

2. The following regulation is hereby substituted for regulation 12 of the regulations:

"12. The appropriate dispensing fee as contemplated in section 22G of the Act to be charged by persons licensed in terms of section 22(1) (a) of the Act must be calculated, exclusive of VAT, as follows:

1. Where the Single Exit Price of a medicine or Scheduled substance is less than or equal to seventy five rands, 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 seventy five rands, the dispensing fee shall not exceed twenty two rands fifty cents of the Single Exit Price in respect of that medicine or Scheduled substance.
3. The provisions of this regulation must be reviewed annually by the Minister with regard to CPI, the PPI and the need to ensure the availability, affordability of quality medicines and scheduled substances in the Republic".

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MINISTER OF HEALTH
