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Medical benefit is a subsidy paid from the Health Insurance Fund, to individuals, towards the cost of medical services provided by a General Practitioner in Jersey. The subsidy is a standard rate across all consultations. The Committee is proposing a $\pounds 1$ increase to take effect from 1st October 2001 in recognition of the fact that the cost of consultations has risen dramatically in recent years. This has led to some people, those with lower incomes and chronic ailments, having difficulty in affording the medical care they require.

The estimated increase in cost to the Health Insurance Fund is £400,000. There are no staffing implications.

Explanatory Note

These Regulations will increase the amount of medical benefit payable in respect of specified medical services provided by approved medical practitioners to persons who are exempt from liability to pay contributions under the Health Insurance (Jersey) Law 1967 from $\pounds 11$ to $\pounds 12$ with effect from 1st October 2001.

Health Insurance (Jersey) Law 1967

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(Promulgated on the day of 200-) STATES OF JERSEY The day of 200-

THE STATES, in pursuance of Articles 18 and 46 of the Health Insurance (Jersey) Law 1967,^[1] as amended,^[2] have made the following Regulations -

1. In Regulation 2(1) of the Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) (Jersey) Regulations 1967, as amended, [3] for the words "eleven pounds" there shall be substituted the words "twelve pounds".

2. The Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) (Amendment No. 52) (Jersey) Regulations 2000^{4} shall be repealed.

3. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) (Amendment No. 54) (Jersey) Regulations 200- and shall come into force on the first day of October 2001.

[3] Nos. 5005 and 81/2000.

[4] No. 81/2000.

 $[\]underline{[1]}$ Recueil des Lois, Volume 1966-1967, pages 550 and 578.

^[2] Recueil des Lois, Volume 1984-1985, page 210.