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The purpose of these Regulations is to increase the amount that can be claimed on the occasion of medical services provided by a general practitioner approved under the Health Insurance (Jersey) Law 1967 by recipients of Health Insurance Exception (HIE). The result of negotiations between the Employment and Social Security Committee and the JMS/BMA (Jersey), representing the Island's GPs, has the effect of increasing the benefit rates by 4.4% with effect from 1st January 2003. Based on the usage of services in 2001, this increase is expected to cost an additional £45,000, 60% of which is met by the Health Insurance Fund and 40% from general revenues. However, the true cost, and therefore the whole cost of the Scheme, is dependent on the number of recipients and actual service usage and will be met from within allocated cash limits. As at 31st October 2002, there are 3,710 HIE recipients.

There are no additional financial or manpower implications for the States arising from the adoption of these Regulations.

Explanatory Note

The effect of these Regulations would be to increase the rates of benefit prescribed in Part A of the Schedule to the Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) (Jersey) Regulations 1967 by 4.4 per cent in relation to medical services provided by an approved medical practitioner on or after 1st January 2003.

Health Insurance (Jersey) Law 1967

HEALTH INSURANCE (MEDICAL BENEFIT) (AMENDMENT No. 57) (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 200

(Promulgated on t	he	day of	200-)		
STATES OF JERSEY					
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THE STATES, in pursuance of Articles 18 and 46 of the Health Insurance (Jersey) Law 1967, $^{[1]}$ as amended, have made the following Regulations -

- 1. In these Regulations, "principal Regulations" means the Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) (Jersey) Regulations 1967, $\frac{[3]}{}$ as amended. $\frac{[4]}{}$
- 2.-(1) For the Schedule to the principal Regulations there shall be substituted the Schedule set out in the Schedul to these Regulations.
- (2) The rates of benefit prescribed in the Schedule to the principal Regulations (as substituted by paragraph (1) of this Regulation) shall apply in relation to medical services provided by an approved medical practitioner on or after 1st January 2003.
- **3.** These Regulations may be cited as the Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) (Amendment No. 57) (Jersey) Regulations 200-.

SCHEDULE

$(Regulation\ 2(1))$

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(Regulation 2(2) and (3))

A. Rates of benefit in respect of medical services generally

	Service	Rate of benefit £
(1)	For medical services provided at the approved medical practitioner's surgery	16.65
(2)	For medical services provided elsewhere than at the approved medical practitioner's surgery, between the hours of eight o'clock in the morning and six o'clock in the evening, on any day other than a Sunday or public holiday	27.65
(3)	For medical services provided elsewhere than at the approved medical practitioner's surgery on a Sunday or public holiday, or between the hours of six o'clock in the evening and eight o'clock in the morning of any day	49.15
(4)	For medical services provided as specified in item (2) or item (3) above for any person, other than the first insured person, who received the service on the same premises, and during the same visit as the first insured person.	16.65

B. Additional rates of benefit in respect of particular medical services

	Service	Rate of benefi £
(1)	Injection (where drug supplied by medical practitioner and syringe of disposable type used)	6.55
(2)	Blood test	6.55
(3)	Insertion of vaginal ring pessary (where appliance supplied by medical practitioner)	7.15
(4)	Stitching of minor wound, etc.	6.55
(5)	Minor operations (where no, or only local, anaesthetic is used and including the cost of stitching but excluding the cost of any anaesthetic used)	23.00
(6)	Electrocardiogram	31.25
(7)	Ear syringing	6.55
(8)	Pregnancy urine test	14.50
(9)	Letter from a medical practitioner to a consultant or specialist at the General Hospital referring a patient for examination	6.55
(10)	Cervical smear	7.15
(11)	Cryo-surgery	6.55".

^[1] Recueil des Lois, Volume 1966-1967, pages 550 and 578.

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

^[3] No. 5005.

^[4] Nos. 5154, 5290, 5646, 34/2000, 198/2001 and 117/2002.