

Drug Service

Cap. 40A.

DRUG SERVICE (SPECIAL BENEFIT SERVICE) REGULATIONS, 19861986/65.
1989/87.
2004/34.

Authority: These Regulations were made on 14th April, 1986 by the Minister under section 9 of the *Drug Service Act*.

Commencement: 1st April, 1986.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Drug Service (Special Benefit Service) Regulations, 1986*.

2. In these Regulations,

"beneficiary" means a person referred to as such in regulation 3(2);

"formulary drugs" means the drugs and related items listed in the Formulary that are preceded by an asterisk in the Formulary;

"Government pharmacy" means a pharmacy operated by

(a) the Government of Barbados; or

(b) a body corporate established by an Act of Parliament that has been authorised by the Minister in writing to participate in the Special Benefit Service;

"medical practitioner" has the meaning assigned to it by the *Medical Registration Act*; Cap. 371.

"private participating pharmacy" means a private pharmacy which has entered into an agreement with the Director of the Drug Service for the purpose of providing formulary drugs to beneficiaries;

"Special Benefit Service" means the Service established by regulation 3(1).

3. (1) There is established a Special Benefit Service for the purpose of providing formulary drugs without charge to beneficiaries.

(2) The following categories of persons are beneficiaries under these Regulations:

- (a) persons of 65 years of age or over;
- (b) children under 16 years of age; and
- (c) persons for whom a formulary drug is prescribed by a medical practitioner for the treatment of hypertension, diabetes, asthma or epilepsy,

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who are residents of Barbados.

(3) A beneficiary may obtain a formulary drug without charge from either a Government pharmacy or a private participating pharmacy on presentation of

- (a) a written prescription for the drug from a medical practitioner,
- (b) in respect of the beneficiaries referred to in subparagraph (2)(a), appropriate identification; and
- (c) in respect of the beneficiaries referred to in subparagraph (2)(b), such appropriate evidence establishing the age and identity of the beneficiary as the Minister determines.

4. (1) The costs incurred by Government pharmacies in supplying the formulary drugs to beneficiaries under the Special Benefit Service shall be borne in full by the Drug Service.

(2) The Drug Service shall, in accordance with the terms of an agreement referred to in regulation 2, reimburse the private participating pharmacies the costs of the formulary drugs supplied by them to beneficiaries under the Special Benefit Service.

5. A private participating pharmacy shall submit to the Drug Service, together with any claim for re-imburement for drugs supplied in accordance with regulation 4, the original prescription that was written by the medical practitioner. 2004/34.

6. The Drug Service shall retain the prescription submitted for the purpose of verifying the claim, and shall return the prescription to the pharmacy not later than 3 months from the date of the submission to the Drug Service. 2004/34.