

REMUNERATION FOR VISITING MEDICAL OFFICERS

1. Scope of Policy

This Policy Directive applies to the remuneration of Visiting Medical Officers who provide services at facilities in the NSW public health system which are covered by the Rural Doctors Settlement Package.

2. Purpose

This Policy Directive revises the Rural Doctors Settlement Package schedule of fees. The revised arrangements reflect the outcome of a review conducted of the Package, and negotiations between the Department of Health and the Rural Doctors Association of NSW.

3. Date of Effect

The revised arrangements set out in this Policy Directive are effective from 1 January 2007.

4. Definitions

Public Health Organisation means an area health service, a statutory health corporation, or an affiliated health organisation in respect of its recognised establishments and recognised services.

Visiting Medical Officer means a medical practitioner appointed under a service contract pursuant to Chapter 8 of the Health Services Act 1997 by a public health organisation.

5. Accountabilities

Chief Executives are accountable for ensuring that only the remuneration authorised by the Department is paid to Visiting Medical Officers.

6. Amendments to the Rural Doctors Settlement Package Schedule of Fees

ITEM NO	SERVICE	FEE
1000	On Call in hours between Monday to Friday 7 am to 6 pm; Saturday 7 am to Midday.	\$6.40 per hour
New Item 1001	On Call after hours outside Monday to Friday 7 am to 6 pm; Saturday 7 am to Midday. Includes public holidays.	\$9.55 per hour
1004	Consultation – in hours – inpatient – more than one seen	\$42.65
1010	Consultation – in hours – non-inpatient – any number	\$42.65
1016	Consultation – during a ward round – Sunday and public holidays – in and non-inpatients – any number	\$51.00
1018	Consultation – during a ward round not Sunday, not in hours, not public holidays – in and non-inpatients – any number	\$42.65
New Item 165	Prolonged professional attendance not less than one hour – ventilated patient awaiting transfer	\$55.35 per 15 minutes

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