Rural Doctors Association (NSW) Inc. Aug 06 Fee Schedule

INTRODUCTION

In July 1988, the Rural Doctors Association and NSW Department of Health agreed on a new set of fees to be paid by rural Hospitals to rural Doctors for public services rendered at the Hospitals. Fees for certain Items, mostly Consultations, had been re-negotiated. All other fees remained the same ie 85% of the fee listed in the August 1987 Commonwealth Medical Benefits Schedule. The other 15% of the fee was the facility fee discounted to Hospitals to cover the costs of staff and equipment. Fees are then adjusted on August 1st each year, according to a formula based on the CPI and other factors. From 1995 a revised formula was used, enabling Indexation to be calculated much earlier than previously. NSW Health also augmented the package by a one-off 10% on 1/1/02. The August 1st, 2006 Indexation is 4.42% as shown in this sample of the most common fees.

This booklet lists many of the resultant fees, which apply retrospectively from August 1st, 2006. The current Commonwealth Medical Benefit Schedule 5 digit Item numbers, deletions, additions, modified descriptions and fees are not applicable in any way.

Indexation this year is 4.42%. The total since 1988 is 255.2317 per cent. Those fees not listed can be calculated from the 1987 base rate by multiplying 100% of the 1987 MBS Fee by 2.169469 rounded to the nearest 10 cents. Simply multiplying last year's figures by 1.0442 is incorrect as these figures had also been rounded to the nearest 10 cents.

This list of fees is approved by the Department of Health and this booklet supplied free to RDA members. Non Members and Hospitals are charged $50.00 + GST payable to RDA(NSW). A computer program which greatly speeds up preparation of Hospital Accounts is available for $100 + GST per annum subscription. This disc contains the full description of ALL 1987 MBS Schedule item numbers and fees. Reproduction was paid for in part by RDA(NSW) so a sample disc is given to all new members.

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