

DRAFT Phytotherapy 2007

NATIONAL REFERENCE PRICE LIST FOR SERVICES BY PHYTOTHERAPISTS EFFECTIVE FROM 1 JANUARY 2007

The following reference price list is not a set of tariffs that must be applied by medical schemes and/or providers. It is rather intended to serve as a baseline against which medical schemes can individually determine benefit levels and health service providers can individually determine fees charged to patients. Medical schemes may, for example, determine in their rules that their benefit in respect of a particular health service is equivalent to a specified percentage of the national health reference price list. It is especially intended to serve as a basis for negotiation between individual funders and individual health care providers with a view to facilitating agreements which will minimise balance billing against members of medical schemes. Should individual medical schemes wish to determine benefit structures, and individual providers determine fee structures, on some other basis without reference to this list, they may do so as well.

In calculating the prices in this schedule, the following rounding method is used: Values R10 and below rounded to the nearest cent, R10+ rounded to the nearest 10cent. Modifier values are rounded to the nearest cent. When new item prices are calculated, e.g. when applying a modifier, the same rounding scheme should be followed.

VAT EXCLUSIVE PRICES APPEAR IN BRACKETS.

RULES

ITEMS

Consultations

Consultation encompasses consultation, history taking, patient examination and assessment, side room diagnostic tests, counseling and/or preparation of medicines.

Code	Description	Ver	Add	Phytotherapy	
				RVU	Fee
130	Consultation (initial or follow up). Duration 1 - 15 mins	06.04		7.500	37.30 (32.70)
132	Consultation (initial or follow up). Duration 31 - 45 mins	06.04		37.500	186.60 (163.70)
134	Consultation, each additional full 15 mins, to a maximum of 60 mins	06.04		15.000	74.60 (65.40)

Preparation and Dispensing of Medicaments

310	Tinctures, per 10 ml	06.02		2.700	2.82 (2.47)
320	Tea mixes, per 10g	06.02		1.000	1.05 (0.92)
330	Capsules/tablets, per capsule	06.02		3.400	3.55 (3.11)
340	Creams/Ointments, per 10ml	06.02		20.100	21.00 (18.40)
350	Syrups, per 10ml	06.02		2.800	2.93 (2.57)
360	Medicinal oils, per 10ml	06.02		1.300	1.36 (1.19)

Medicaments

	The amount charged in respect of proprietary medicines shall be at net acquisition price.				06.04
	In relation to all other materials, items are to be charged (exclusive of VAT) at net acquisition price plus -				
	* 26% of the net acquisition price where the net acquisition price of that material is less than one hundred rands; and				
	* a maximum of twenty six rands where the net acquisition price of that material is greater than or equal to one hundred rands.				
390	Proprietary materials	06.02		-	-
395	Proprietary medicines	06.02		-	-