Circular

H&CS HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

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The prosthetic appliance fees listed in this Circular replace those detailed in Circulars 10/1993, 29/1993 and 36/1993.

This Circular incorporates changes to the product range of some existing prostheses, and also includes new items. New items appear in bold print.

The list applies in respect of prostheses provided to a private patient in a public or private hospital or to a patient of a day procedure centre.

Amounts are specified on a per item basis unless otherwise indicated. Please note that price/charges for some items (annotated with an **) may be less than that shown in the list e.g. the charge may depend on the size of the item. If this is the case, then the benefit will be limited to 100% of the charge raised.

All homograft items are now listed in Appendix A.

Further, note that breast prosthesis (annotated with #) where silicon gel filling material is used, are excluded from receiving basic table health insurance benefits.

Even though the schedule lists items under groupings such as "Orthopaedic", "Vascular" and "Cardio-thoracic", these are for convenience and are not meant to be restrictive. If an item is listed under one grouping but can be applied in other surgery, a charge can still be made for the other application.

Please note that this Circular will be updated in March 1994 to recognise increases in charges of existing items and to add any new items appropriate to the Schedule. The deadline for application for new items to be included on the updated Circular is 19 December 1993. The deadline for notice of new charges to be considered for updating benefits is 15 January 1994.

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