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To District Health Boards, Pharmacists and interested parties

### **Remote Practitioner Supply Order Review**

PHARMAC has been carrying out a review of the Remote Practitioner Supply Order (PSO) provision and has identified an opportunity for improving the consistency between the Ministry of Health's and PHARMAC's list of rural areas. Under the existing rules, General Practitioners working in remote areas are entitled to subsidy for any unrestricted pharmaceuticals listed on the Pharmaceutical Schedule, on the condition that they are working in one of the remote areas defined in Section E Part II of the Pharmaceutical Schedule.

The current list of remote areas has been found to be inconsistent with the Ministry of Health's list, which is based on the rural ranking scale. We propose to amend PHARMAC's list to bring it in line with the MoH classification of Rural Areas, i.e., areas with a score of 35 points or more on the rural ranking scale. The areas we propose to classify as "Rural Areas" for the revised Section E Part II are listed on the following page.

PHARMAC also proposes to change the word "remote" to "rural" throughout the Pharmaceutical Schedule for improved consistency.

If you have comments to make on this proposal and would like those comments to be considered then please send them to Sophie Dalziel at PHARMAC **by 5 p.m. on Monday 11 October 2004.**

Yours sincerely



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## NORTH ISLAND

### Northland DHB

Bay of Islands  
Dargaville  
Hikurangi  
Kaeo  
Kaikohe  
Kaitaia  
Kawakawa  
Kerikeri  
Mangonui  
Moerewa  
Ngunguru  
Paihia  
Rawene  
Ruakaka  
Russell  
Tutukaka  
Waipu  
Whangaroa

### Bay of Plenty DHB

Edgcumbe  
Katikati  
Kawerau  
Murupara  
Opotiki  
Rangitaiki  
Taneatua  
Te Kaha  
Waihi Beach  
Waipukurau  
Whakatane

### Waikato DHB

Coromandel  
Hauraki  
Huntly  
Kawhia  
Matamata  
Morrinsville  
Ngatea  
Otorohanga  
Paeroa  
Pauanui Beach  
Putaruru  
Raglan  
Raukura  
Tairua  
Taumarunui  
Te Aroha  
Te Kauwhata  
Te Kuiti  
Tokoroa  
Waihi  
Waipukurau  
Wairoa  
Whangamata  
Whitianga

### Auckland DHB

Great Barrier Island  
Ostend  
Oneroa

### Whanganui DHB

Bulls  
Marton  
Ohakune  
Raetihi  
Taihape  
Waioru

### Lakes DHB

Mangakino  
Reporoa  
Turangi

### Tairāwhiti DHB

Te Karaka  
Te Puia Springs  
Tolaga Bay  
Te Ararua  
Waikohu

### Counties Manukau DHB

Drury  
Tuakau  
Waiuku

### Waitemata DHB

Helensville  
Huapai  
Kumeu  
Maungaturoto  
Snells Beach  
Waimauku  
Warkworth  
Wellsford

### Midcentral DHB

Otaki  
Pahiatua  
Dannevirke  
Foxton  
Woodville

### Taranaki DHB

Waverley  
Eltham  
Inglewood  
Manaia  
Oakura  
Opunake  
Patea  
Stratford  
Okato

### Wairarapa DHB

Carterton  
Featherston  
Greytown  
Martinborough

## SOUTH ISLAND

### Nelson/Marlborough DHB

Golden Bay  
Havelock  
Mapua  
Marlborough  
Motueka  
Murchison  
Takaka  
Wakefield

### Canterbury DHB

Akaroa  
Amberley  
Cheviot  
Darfield  
Diamond Harbour  
Hanmer Springs  
Kaikoura  
Leeston  
Lincoln  
Methven  
Oxford  
Rakaia  
Rotherham  
Selwyn  
Waikari

### South Canterbury DHB

Fairlie  
Geraldine  
Pleasant Point  
Temuka  
Twizel  
Waimate

### West Coast DHB

Dobson  
Fox Glacier  
Greymouth  
Haast  
Hokitika  
Karamea  
Moana/Otira  
Ngakawau  
Reefton  
South Westland  
Westport  
Whataroa

### Otago DHB

Alexandra  
Balclutha  
Clyde  
Cromwell  
Kurow  
Lawrence  
Milton  
Oamaru  
Outram  
Owaka  
Palmerston  
Ranfurly  
Roxburgh  
Tapanui  
Wanaka  
West Otago

### Southland DHB

Gore  
Lumsden  
Mataura  
Otautau  
Queenstown  
Riverton  
Te Anau  
Tokonui  
Tuatapere  
Winton