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Health Act 1911

Health (Notification of Acute Rheumatic Fever) Regulations 2007

Made by the Governor in Executive Council.

1. Citation

These regulations are the *Health (Notification of Acute Rheumatic Fever) Regulations 2007*.

2. Commencement

These regulations come into operation as follows:

- (a) regulations 1 and 2 — on the day on which these regulations are published in the *Gazette*;
- (b) the rest of the regulations — on the day after that day.

3. Terms used in these regulations

In these regulations —

“**acute rheumatic fever**” means a delayed complication of an untreated group *A streptococcus* bacterial infection;

“**Executive Director**” means the Executive Director, Public Health.

4. Acute rheumatic fever a prescribed condition of health

Acute rheumatic fever is prescribed as a condition of health to which Part IXA of the Act applies.

5. Notification by a medical practitioner

- (1) A medical practitioner who diagnoses a person as suffering from an episode of acute rheumatic fever must notify the Executive Director within 14 days after that diagnosis is made.
Penalty: a fine of not more than \$1 000 and not less than —
 - (a) for a first offence, \$100;
 - (b) for a second offence, \$200;
 - (c) for a third or subsequent offence, \$500.
- (2) A notification under subregulation (1) in respect of a person suffering from an episode of acute rheumatic fever —
 - (a) must be in a form approved by the Executive Director; and
 - (b) must include the following information (to the extent that it is known by the medical practitioner) —
 - (i) the full name of the person;
 - (ii) the sex and date of birth of the person;
 - (iii) the address and contact telephone number of the person;
 - (iv) if the person is, or appears to be, under 18 years of age — the name, address and contact telephone number of a parent or guardian of the person;
 - (v) whether the person is of Aboriginal descent;
 - (vi) the onset date and clinical features of the episode.

6. Provision of information by other persons

- (1) If the Executive Director —
- (a) is notified of a diagnosis of an episode of acute rheumatic fever under regulation 5; and
 - (b) believes, on reasonable grounds, that a person has information that the Executive Director considers would assist in achieving the objects of Part IXA of the Act with respect to that diagnosis,

the Executive Director may, in writing, request the person to provide the information.

- (2) A person who receives a request under subregulation (1) must provide the information to the Executive Director within 14 days after receiving the request.

Penalty: a fine of not more than \$1 000 and not less than —

- (a) for a first offence, \$100;
 - (b) for a second offence, \$200;
 - (c) for a third or subsequent offence, \$500.
- (3) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence under subregulation (2) if the person charged proves that the person did not have at the relevant time the information requested.

By Command of the Governor,

M. C. WAUCHOPE, Clerk of the Executive Council.
