

The New Zealand Home Birth Association

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The Director,
Dept. of Social Welfare,
Private Bag,
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Dear Sir,

I have received from an applicant for home aid, a letter from Mr A.J. Bray advising her that from 3rd November the charge for a home aid had increased from \$18 to \$149.

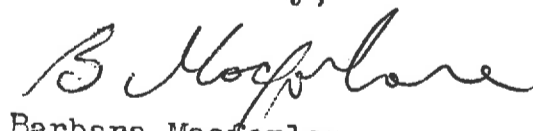
Our Association is concerned about this. Women having their babies at home on occasion are without family support in the Auckland area and with young children require some home aid assistance. The vast majority of these would not be in a position to pay \$149 per week.

Would you advise me when this decision was made and by whom and under which Regulation of which Act. Would you also give me the justification for this increase as your Department sees it.

I am in communication with Mr Gair on the subject of domiciliary midwives salaries and I understood that your Department was concerned that community treatment and care increase. The home aid service, even given the three or four employees in this position in Auckland, was a useful encouragement to home care and community medicine.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,



Barbara Macfarlane,
Secretary.