

**Table 2 Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme:
highest Govt cost items - 12 months to end June 1998**

Rank	Code	Drug	Form	Script	Govt Cost \$	Total Cost \$	Ave Price \$
				Volume			
1	1327	Omeprazole	Capsule 20 mg	1,496,606	136,513,484	148,295,760	99.09
2	2012	Simvastatin	Tablet 20 mg	1,973,066	104,050,697	119,023,811	60.32
3	2011	Simvastatin	Tablet 10 mg	1,848,191	64,776,866	77,775,886	42.08
4	1978	Ranitidine Hydrochloride	Tablet 150 mg (base)	2,250,178	55,176,755	69,069,980	30.70
5	1369	Enalapril Maleate	Tablet 20 mg	1,315,923	39,627,086	49,985,803	37.99
6	1543	Ipratropium Bromide	Nebuliser solution 500mcg in 2mL, 30	493,170	35,236,976	37,003,611	75.03
7	2242	Paroxetine	Tablet 20 mg (base)	860,403	29,381,680	37,548,089	43.64
8	2834	Pravastatin	Tablet 20 mg	538,017	28,306,648	32,702,601	60.78
9	2072	Budesonide	Oral inhal. 400mcg per dose (200 doses)	726,634	25,703,077	32,062,245	44.12
10	2592	Isotretinoin	Capsule 20 mg	147,718	25,650,858	27,812,401	188.28
11	1149	Captopril	Tablet 50 mg	408,573	25,444,902	28,043,955	68.64
12	2751	Amlodipine Besylate	Tablet 5 mg (base)	1,421,631	23,887,627	34,149,178	24.02
13	2752	Amlodipine Besylate	Tablet 10 mg (base)	782,574	23,100,575	29,611,780	37.84
14	1434	Fluoxetine Hydrochloride	Capsule 20 mg (base)	743,921	22,513,187	29,615,652	39.81
15	1453	Gemfibrozil	Tablet 600 mg	578,764	22,230,864	26,580,850	45.93
16	1558	Isosorbide Mononitrate	Tablets sustained release 60 mg	1,124,576	21,897,185	25,517,428	22.69
17	2241	Lansoprazole	Capsule 30 mg	256,706	21,626,905	23,908,078	93.13
18	2236	Sertraline	Tablet 50 mg (base)	759,593	21,319,055	28,454,466	37.46
19	8101	Interferon Beta	Inj. set 1 vial powder 9,600,000 i.u & 2mL solvent	16,918	21,195,878	21,384,069	1263.98
20	3051	Perindopril	Tablet 4 mg	881,868	21,155,573	28,694,019	32.54
21	1368	Enalapril Maleate	Tablet 10 mg	977,639	20,719,463	28,188,612	28.83
22	2001	Salbutamol Sulfate	Nebuliser solution 5 mg in 2.5mL, 30	782,874	20,043,141	23,494,135	30.01
23	1007	Aciclovir	Tablets 200 mg	103,848	19,294,685	20,762,471	199.93
24	8003	Moclobemide	Tablet 300 mg	303,625	19,271,870	22,132,267	72.89
25	2367	Felodipine	Tablet 10 mg (extended release)	737,429	19,163,571	24,936,055	33.81
26	1746	Paracetamol	Tablet 500 mg	3,779,675	19,109,164	28,267,986	7.48
27	2852	Influenza Vaccine	Injection (trivalent) 0.5mL	1,289,820	18,530,656	22,625,846	17.54
28	2487	Famotidine	Tablet 20 mg	772,330	18,513,640	23,579,147	30.53
29	2237	Sertraline	Tablet 100 mg (base)	449,512	17,653,217	21,996,636	48.93
30	1652	Beclomethasone Dipropionate	Oral inhal. 250mcg per dose (200 doses)	730,239	17,009,295	22,758,850	31.17
31	2502	Calcitriol	Capsule 0.25mcg	290,270	16,809,155	18,285,311	62.99
32	1215	Codeine Phosphate with Paracetamol	Tablet 30 mg-500 mg	2,741,374	15,688,250	22,585,293	8.24
33	2458	Lisinopril	Tablet 20 mg	534,035	15,369,446	19,828,102	37.13
34	2716	Fluticasone Propionate	Oral inhal. 250mcg per dose (120 doses)	307,305	15,282,788	17,574,465	57.19
35	1081	Atenolol	Tablet 50 mg	2,012,464	14,306,686	19,856,480	9.87
36	2110	Tamoxifen	Tablet 20 mg (base)	174,466	14,220,269	15,538,861	89.07
37	3087	Salbutamol	Oral inhal. 100mcg per dose (200 doses)	2,076,313	14,131,862	19,631,358	9.45
38	1454	Goserelin	Subcutaneous implant 3.6 mg	38,383	13,581,400	13,872,326	361.42
39	2457	Lisinopril	Tablet 10 mg	624,980	13,128,723	18,478,776	29.57
40	8093	Goserelin	Subcutaneous implant 10.8 mg	11,361	13,093,308	13,174,673	1159.64
41	8187	Olanzapine	Tablet 10 mg	40,355	12,754,934	12,989,352	321.88
42	2430	Metformin Hydrochloride	Tablet 500 mg	1,023,044	12,751,235	15,488,773	15.14
43	1313	Diltiazem Hydrochloride	Capsule 240 mg (controlled delivery)	429,537	12,619,443	15,219,757	35.43
44	1312	Diltiazem Hydrochloride	Capsule 180 mg (controlled delivery)	550,082	12,426,317	15,554,106	28.28
45	1946	Ramipril	Capsule 5 mg	509,196	12,266,314	16,531,824	32.47
46	8203	Losartan	Tablet 50 mg	356,242	12,207,235	15,349,842	43.09
47	8173	Simvastatin	Tablet 40 mg	163,455	12,012,307	13,367,696	81.78
48	1542	Ipratropium Bromide	Nebuliser solution 250mcg in 1mL, 30	205,381	11,614,542	12,864,378	62.64
49	1183	Fosinopril	Tablet 20 mg	419,269	11,606,240	15,170,507	36.18
50	1148	Captopril	Tablet 25 mg	359,351	11,353,833	13,352,313	37.16