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Ottawa, December 7th, 1915.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 30th November, I re-enclose herewith the account which you have submitted from Dr. J. H. Jacobs for professional services rendered to Indians at Caughnawaga during July, August, September, October and November; and in reply I beg to say that before the question of payment is considered, it will be necessary for Dr. Jacobs to eliminate all charges made for attendance upon individuals whom you consider in a position to pay the doctor for professional work done for them. I may also say that the Department will not consider the question of paying charges for the doctor's services at the rate of \$2.00, \$3.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$8.00, \$10.00 and \$15.00 for attendance, etc. rendered. In the past the Department has not been called upon to pay for much medical attendance on behalf of the Caughnawaga Indians. The majority of them who required a doctor have been able to pay the doctor's fees. The Department will only provide attendance for Indians who are actually destitute and will only allow reasonable charges. The doctor's fees should not exceed \$1.00 a visit and .50¢ for medicines, unless when it is necessary to use very expensive drugs. In such cases .75¢ may be charged for medicines. You should ascertain from the doctor whether he made a charge on the occasion of each visit for medicines. It is not thought that it could be necessary for a patient to receive medicines upon each visit made by the doctor.

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