

“In many countries this principle is being largely developed, and the Committee was impressed with the possibilities of maternity benefit, covering both hospital service and medical attention, in New Zealand.

“At the present time those contributing directly, or indirectly through friendly societies, to the National Provident Fund receive a maternity benefit of £6. The Committee had ample evidence of the great value of this type of insurance in helping individuals to meet hospital and medical fees.

“The Committee does not, however, regard a cash benefit, helpful though it undoubtedly is, as the most satisfactory form of insurance assistance, and recommends that in the investigation of a national health insurance scheme for New Zealand full consideration be given to a maternity benefit which will cover both hospital and medical expenses by direct payment to those giving the service.”

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