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HEALTH SERVICES ACT 1997

ORDER AMENDING THE SCALE OF FEES FOR HOSPITAL AND OTHER HEALTH SERVICES

Pursuant to section 69 of the Health Services Act 1997, I, MICHAEL JOHN REID, Director-General of the Department of Health, acting as the duly appointed delegate of the Minister for Health, do by this Order hereby amend the currently applying Scale of Fees for hospital services and other health services to the extent and in the manner set forth in the attached Schedule to take effect on and from 10 August 2001.

M. REID,
Director-General

SCHEDULE**AMENDMENT OF SCALE OF FEES**

- (a) **delete** from Part 1 in its entirety item 1A. relating to “ACCOMMODATION CHARGES”, and insert instead, the following matter:

Daily Fee
\$

1A. ACCOMMODATION CHARGES –

In respect of patients admitted to NSW public hospitals and receiving public hospital services pursuant to the Australian Health Care Agreement.

1A.1. Public Patients –

1A.1.1	treated by a doctor nominated by the hospital	Nil
1A.1.2	accommodated in a shared room (single room accommodation without charge can continue to be provided on the grounds of medical need)	Nil

1A.2. Private Patients (Overnight Stay)

1A.2.1	treated by a doctor nominated by the patient and accommodated in a shared room	235
1A.2.2	treated by a doctor nominated by the patient and accommodated at the patient's request, in a single room or as sole occupant of a shared room.	395
1A.2.3	treated by a doctor nominated by the hospital but accommodated at the patient's request, in a single room or as sole occupant of a shared room	395

1A.3. Private Patients (Same Day Patient)

Band 1	169
Band 2	190
Band 3	211
Band 4	235

Note:

These bands are as categorised by the Commonwealth under the National Health Act 1953.

1A.4. Ineligible Patients

Metropolitan (referral) hospital	
- Critical care patient	1,810
- Inpatient (other than critical care patient)	730
Metropolitan (non-referral) hospital	
- Critical care patient	1,055
- Inpatient (other than critical care patient)	550
Non-Metropolitan hospital	
- Critical care patient	835
- Inpatient (other than critical care patient)	505
Psychiatric hospital inpatient	305
Other hospital inpatient	170

With the exception of:

- 1 A visitor to Australia who holds a temporary entry permit, and who has applied for but has not yet been issued with an entry permit granting permanent residence.
- 2 A Norfolk Island resident who is admitted to a public hospital under the Norfolk Island Health Care Scheme (refer item 1A.8.).
- 3 A person who is admitted to a public hospital under the Asylum Seeker Assistance Scheme (ASAS) (refer item 1A.9.).
- 4 Persons entitled to free public hospital treatment under the terms of a Reciprocal Health Care Agreement between Australia and their country.

Note:

The classification of an individual treating hospital is the same as that shown in any "Order Notifying Classification of Hospitals" made from time to time by the Director-General of the Department of Health pursuant to clause 18 of the Workers Compensation (General) Regulation 1995.

1A.5. Compensable Patients (other than Workers Compensation or Motor Vehicles (Third Party) Insurance) -	Daily Fee \$
Metropolitan (referral) hospital	
- Critical care patient	1,810
- Inpatient (other than critical care patient)	730
Metropolitan (non-referral) hospital	
- Critical care patient	1,055
- Inpatient (other than critical care patient)	550
Non-Metropolitan	
- Critical care patient	835
- Inpatient (other than critical care patient)	505
Psychiatric hospital inpatient	305
Other hospital inpatient	170

These rates do not apply to persons treated pursuant to schemes under Workers Compensation Act 1926, Workers Compensation Act 1987, Motor Vehicles (Third Party Insurance Act) 1942, Transport Accidents Compensation Act 1987 or the Motor Accidents Act 1988.

Note:

The classification of an individual treating hospital is the same as that shown in any "Order Notifying Classification of Hospitals" made from time to time by the Director-General of the Department of Health pursuant to clause 18 of the Workers Compensation (General) Regulation 1995.

1A.6. Veterans' Affairs Patients

Veterans' Affairs Patients	Nil
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1A.7. Nursing Home Type Patients**1A.7.1** Elect to be treated by hospital nominated doctors –

Shall be charged a patient contribution:

(on a fortnightly basis): not exceeding the equivalent to 87.5% of any Commonwealth Standard Rate Pension and 87.5% of any maximum Rent Assistance payable to a person; or

(on a daily basis, where appropriate): one fourteenth of the fortnightly amount already referred to.

1A.7.2 Elect to be treated by doctor of choice –

Shall be charged on a daily basis, an amount equivalent to the patient contribution calculated on a daily basis in accordance with sub paragraph 1A.7.1, plus an amount determined in writing from time to time by the Minister for Health of the Commonwealth, or the Minister's delegate, pursuant to paragraph (bj) of Schedule 1 of the National Health Act 1953.

	Daily Fee \$
1A.8. Norfolk Island Residents admitted to a public hospital under the Norfolk Island Health Care Scheme:	
Accommodation in a shared room	416
Accommodation in a single room	509
Same Day Admission	355
Accommodation as a critical care patient	1,055
Accommodation as a compensable patient	Applicable rates under 1A.5.
1A.9. Patients admitted to a public hospital under the Asylum Seekers Assistance Scheme:	
Accommodation in a shared room	416
Accommodation in a single room	509
Same Day Admission	355
Accommodation as a critical care patient	1,055

- (b) **delete** in its entirety “Part 2 – PHARMACEUTICAL SCRIPT CHARGES” and insert instead, the following matter:

PART 2 – OUTPATIENT PHARMACEUTICAL SCRIPT CHARGES

Provided to outpatients of public hospitals

Charge per script item
\$

2A. Eligible Patients

2A.1.1 Contribution rate for general patients, as defined under the National Health Act 1953 of the Commonwealth, who produce evidence of medicare card or number entitlement to pharmaceutical benefits

Such amount as may be determined from time to time by the Commonwealth under the National Health Act 1953, subject to any safety net threshold entitlements and concessional rates applicable under that Act for the relevant entitlement period

2A.1.2 Contribution rate for concessional beneficiaries as defined under the National Health Act 1953 of the Commonwealth

Such amount as may be determined from time to time by the Commonwealth under the National Health Act 1953, subject to any safety net threshold entitlements and concessional rates applicable under that Act for the relevant entitlement period

2B. Ineligible patients

2B.1 Persons such as overseas visitors who have no medicare card or number or special number entitlement under the National Health Act 1953 of the Commonwealth to pharmaceutical benefits

The actual cost of each pharmaceutical script item, or \$15.00, whichever is the greater

2B.2 Overseas visitors from countries with which Australia has a Reciprocal Health Care Agreement and who require the item(s) for their **urgent** medical treatment

Such amount as shall be applicable from time to time under item 2A.1.1

- (c) **delete** in its entirety “PART 4 – NON-ADMITTED PATIENT CHARGES” and insert instead the following matter:

PART 4 - NON-ADMITTED PATIENT CHARGES

4A. Ineligible Patients

	Occasion of Service Fee
	\$
Metropolitan - Referral hospital (excluding physiotherapy)	85
Metropolitan - Non-referral hospital (excluding physiotherapy)	65
Non metropolitan hospital (excluding physiotherapy)	55
Psychiatric hospital (excluding physiotherapy)	55
Other hospital (excluding physiotherapy)	55
Physiotherapy Services provided to Non- Admitted Patients (apply to all hospital classifications)	
Initial consultation & treatment	55
Standard treatment consultation	45
Initial consultation & treatment, two distinct areas	85
Two distinct areas treated	67.50
Initial consultation & treatment, three distinct areas treated	112.50
Three distinct areas treated	90
Extended treatment	90
Treatment in classes (ie more than one person treated at same time)	40
Other aspects of treatment not covered above eg case conferencing and employer consultations (rate per hour)	112.50

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2. Persons entitled to free public hospital treatment under the terms of a Reciprocal Health Care Agreement between Australia and their country.

Note:

An “occasion of service”, in relation to a non-admitted patient occasion of service, has the same meaning as it has in the “NSW Department of Health – DOHRS Glossary” issued by the Department of Health in June 2000 or in any subsequent revision of that document issued by that Department.

4B. Compensable (other than Workers Compensation or Motor Vehicles (Third Party) Insurance) -	Occasion of Service Fee \$
Metropolitan (referral hospital)	85
Metropolitan (non-referral hospital)	65
Non Metropolitan hospital	55
Psychiatric hospital	55
Other hospital	55
Physiotherapy Services provided to Non- Admitted Patients (apply to all hospital classifications)	
Initial consultation & treatment	55
Standard treatment consultation	45
Initial consultation & treatment, two distinct areas	85
Two distinct areas treated	67.50
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