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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, Mr KEN WHELAN, Acting Director-General of the Ministry of Health, 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 Schedule below, to take effect on and from 1 July 2013.

Signed at Sydney, this 1st day of July 2013.

KEN WHELAN,
Acting Director-General

SCHEDULE

Amendment of Scale of Fees

The Schedule entitled "Scale of Fees" which is attached to the "ORDER FIXING A SCALE OF FEES FOR HOSPITAL AND OTHER HEALTH SERVICES" and as in effect at the date of this order is amended as follows:

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

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

	Daily Fee \$
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 may be provided on the grounds of medical need)	Nil

1A.2. Private Patients (Overnight Stay)

	Daily Fee \$
1A.2.1 treated by a doctor nominated by the patient and accommodated in a shared room	326
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.	611

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

	Daily Fee \$
Band 1	236
Band 2	263

	Daily Fee \$
Band 3	290
Band 4	326

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

1A.4. Ineligible Patients

1A.4.1	Work Visa holders 457 & 485 and Student Visa holders 570 to 576	Daily Fee \$
1A.4.1.1	Inpatient Patient Services	
	Public Hospitals – Critical Care	2,715
	Public Hospitals – other than Critical Care	1,095
	Public Psychiatric Hospitals	460
	Other (e.g. Residential Aged Care Facilities)	255
1A.4.2	Other than Work Visa holders 457 & 485 and Student Visa holders 570 to 576	Daily Fee \$
1A.4.2.1	Acute Admitted Patient Services – All Hospitals	
	Inpatient – Critical Care – first 21 days per episode	4,740
	Inpatient – Critical Care – over 21 days	2,715
	Other Inpatient – first 21 days per episode	1,870
	Other Inpatient – over 21 days	1,095
1A.4.2.2	Sub-Acute and Non-Acute Admitted Patient Services.	
	Public Hospitals	1,095
	Public Psychiatric Hospitals	460
	Other (eg Residential Aged Care Facilities)	255
1A.4.3	Hospital in the Home Fees – All Hospitals	210
1A.4.4	Dialysis – All Hospitals (per session)	600

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 (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.

1A.5. Compensable Patients (other than Workers Compensation or Motor Vehicles Compensation)

1A.4.1	Acute Admitted Patient Services – All Hospitals	Daily Fee \$
	Inpatient – Critical Care – first 21 days per episode	4,615
	Inpatient – Critical Care – over 21 days	2,645
	Other Inpatient – first 21 days per episode	1,820
	Other Inpatient – over 21 days	1,065
1A.4.2	Sub-Acute and Non-Acute Admitted Patient Services.	
	Public Hospitals	1,065
	Public Psychiatric Hospitals	445
	Other (eg Residential Aged Care Facility)	250
1A.4.3	Dialysis – All Hospitals (per session)	600

Note: These rates do not apply to persons treated pursuant to respective statutory schemes for the purposes of workers' compensation or compensation to persons injured in motor accidents. Those rates are set by separate agreement or other such order or determination.

1A.6. Veterans' Affairs Patients

	Daily Fee
	\$
Veterans' Affairs Patients	Nil

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 the National Health Act 1953 of the Commonwealth.

1A.8. Norfolk Island Residents admitted to a public hospital under the Norfolk Island Health Care Scheme

	Daily Fee
	\$
Accommodation in a shared room	574
Accommodation in a single room	763
Same Day Admission	490
Accommodation as a critical care patient	1,537
Accommodation as a compensable patient	Applicable rates under 1A.5.

1A.9. Patients admitted to a public hospital under the Asylum Seekers Assistance Scheme

	Daily Fee
	\$
Accommodation in a shared room	574
Accommodation in a single room	763
Same Day Admission	490
Accommodation as a critical care patient	1,537

1A.10. Private, (Private) Same Day Admissions and Ineligible Patients - Charges for the Fitting of Surgically Implanted Prostheses and Medical Devices

The charge for the fitting of any specific surgically implanted prosthesis or medical device item shall be:

- 1A.10.1 where there is a single dollar amount specified for an item, that dollar amount; or
1A.10.2 where there is a minimum and maximum benefit dollar amount specified for an item, a dollar amount being the minimum benefit amount, the maximum benefit amount or an amount within that dollar range,

as determined in writing from time to time in respect of that item by the Minister for Health of the Commonwealth, or the Minister's Delegate, pursuant to the National Health Act 1953 of the Commonwealth. Such charges shall take effect on any date determined by the Commonwealth Minister for Health or the Minister's delegate in respect of that item.

(b) **delete** from Part 1 in its entirety item 1D. relating to "TREATMENT FEE", and insert instead, the following item:

1D. TREATMENT FEES

	Daily Fee
	\$
Treatment fee applicable to ineligible inpatients, other than compensable patients, in addition to the current applicable accommodation charge (refer item 1A.4.), in situations where the ineligible inpatient receives medical treatment under arrangement with a public hospital rather than an individual practitioner	285

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 (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 above daily fee is applicable irrespective of the number of treating practitioners.

(c) **delete** from “**PART 3 – OTHER CHARGES**” in its entirety item 3A. relating to BRAIN INJURY REHABILITATION SERVICES and insert instead the following matter:

3A. BRAIN INJURY REHABILITATION SERVICES

provided by designated units of public hospitals in respect of compensable patients requiring brain injury rehabilitation services (including diagnostic services)

	Daily Fee \$
3A.1. Admitted Patient Services	
Category A patient	1,120
Category B patient	715
Category X patient	1,590
3A.2. Transitional Living Unit	
Category A patient	800
Category B patient	395
3A.3. Non Admitted Patient Services (including Outreach)	\$75 per half hour or part thereof
3A.4. Outpatient Medical Clinic Appointments	
	Standard Fee \$
Medical Consultation – New (initial assessment)	265
Medical Consultation – Review (follow-up appointment)	130
3A.5. Group Activities	
	\$ per half hour or part thereof
Qualified	50
Unqualified	35

Note: Categories, classifications or descriptions of service referred to in this Part 3A are to be considered the same as those defined or set out in Ministry of Health Policy Directive PD 2006_048, or as that policy is subsequently amended or revised from time to time.

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

PART 4 – NON-ADMITTED PATIENT CHARGES

For the purposes of Part 4, an “occasion of service”, in relation to a non-admitted patient occasion of service, has the same meaning as it has for the purposes of the NSW Department of Health Reporting System (DOHRS) activity reporting system as amended from time to time.

4A. Ineligible Patients

For each Occasion of Service (both categories)	\$
Public Hospital	115
Public Psychiatric Hospital	80
Other (eg Residential Aged Care Facility)	80

The rates of charge are as per the above occasion of service rates as appropriate to the designated hospital classification or as per the Australian Medical Association (AMA) schedule of rates.

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

4B. Compensable Patients

(other than Workers Compensation or Motor Vehicles Compensation) –

For each Occasion of Service (excluding physiotherapy services, psychology and exercise physiology services)

	\$
Public Hospital	115
Public Psychiatric hospital	80
Other hospital (eg Residential Aged Care Facility)	80

The above occasion of service rates apply or alternatively the maximum amount payable under the relevant WorkCover practitioner fees order. The fees orders, which generally link to AMA rates, cover Medical Practitioners, Surgeons and Orthopaedic Surgeons.

Compensable Non-Admitted Physiotherapy Services

<i>Normal Practice</i>	\$
Initial consultation & treatment	83.70
Standard consultation and treatment	70.90
Initial consultation & treatment of two distinct areas	126.20
Standard consultation & treatment of two distinct areas	106.90
Complex treatment	141.70
Group/class Intervention (rate per participant)	50.30
<i>Home Visit</i>	
Initial consultation & treatment	103.10
Standard consultation and treatment	84.40
Initial consultation & treatment of two distinct areas	152.00
Standard consultation & treatment of two distinct areas	130.10
Complex treatment	167.40
<i>Other</i>	
Case conference (rate per hour), Report Writing (max)	167.40
Activity assessment, consultation & treatment	167.40
Travel (per km)	1.55
Compensable Non-Admitted Psychology Service Charges	
Initial consultation	199.50
Standard consultation	166.30
Report Writing (per hr /max 1 hr)	166.30
Case Conferencing (per hr/pro rata)	166.30
Travel (per km)	1.55
Group (per participant)	49.90
Compensable Non-Admitted Exercise Physiology Service Charges	
Initial consultation & treatment	133.70
Standard consultation & treatment	133.70
Reduced supervision treatment	58.40
Group/class intervention (per participant)	42.60
Additional Expenses (as agreed with insurer)	—
Case Conferencing (per hr)	133.70
Report Writing (max)	133.70
Travel (per km)	1.55

Note: These rates do not apply to persons treated pursuant to respective statutory schemes for the purposes of workers' compensation or compensation to persons injured in motor accidents. Those rates are set by separate agreement or other such order or determination.

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