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South Australia

**RECOGNISED HOSPITAL (MEDICARE PATIENTS) FEES
REGULATIONS 2002**

REGULATIONS UNDER THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HEALTH COMMISSION ACT 1976

Recognised Hospital (Medicare Patients) Fees Regulations 2002

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Fees for services provided to Medicare patients at recognised hospitals

Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the *Recognised Hospital (Medicare Patients) Fees Regulations 2002*.

Commencement

2. These regulations will come into operation on 1 September 2002.

Revocation

3. The *Recognized Hospital and Incorporated Health Centre (Medicare Patients) Fees Regulations 1987* (see *Gazette* 30 July 1987 p. 334), as varied, are revoked.

Interpretation

4. (1) In these regulations, unless the contrary intention appears—

"**admitted patient**" means a patient of a recognised hospital who has undergone the formal admission process of the hospital;

"**Commonwealth benefit**", in relation to a patient, means the aggregate of the following amounts:

- (a) the maximum amount (expressed on a daily basis) payable as an age pension under the *Social Security Act 1991* of the Commonwealth to a person who is not a member of a couple within the meaning of that Act, excluding the amount of any pharmaceutical allowance payable under that Act; and
- (b) —
 - (i) if the patient receives rent assistance under that Act—the amount (expressed on a daily basis) received; or
 - (ii) if the patient is not entitled to an age pension or disability support pension under that Act—the maximum amount (expressed on a daily basis) payable as rent assistance under that Act;

"**long stay patient**" means a patient who has been an admitted patient in a recognised hospital for a continuous period exceeding 35 days;

"**Medicare patient**" means a patient who is an eligible person for the purpose of receiving medical benefits under the *Health Insurance Act 1973* of the Commonwealth;

"**overnight stay patient**" means an admitted patient of a recognised hospital who remains an admitted patient of the hospital until a day subsequent to the day of his or her admission;

"**patient**" means a person to whom a recognised hospital provides medical or diagnostic services or other treatment or care;

"**private**", in relation to a patient, connotes that the patient receives medical or diagnostic services from a medical practitioner selected by the patient;

"**public**", in relation to a patient, connotes that the patient receives medical or diagnostic services from a medical practitioner selected by the hospital or health centre;

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"**same day patient**" means an admitted patient of a recognised hospital who, on the same day, is both admitted to and leaves the care of the hospital (whether on formal discharge by the hospital or voluntary discharge by the patient).

(2) For the purposes of these regulations, a patient will be regarded as being acutely ill during a particular period if a medical practitioner has certified that the patient will require extensive medical treatment and supervision during that period.

(3) A certificate referred to in subregulation (2) remains in force for the period specified in the certificate (not exceeding 30 days) or, if no period is specified, for a period of 30 days.

Fees for services provided to Medicare patients

5. (1) The fee to be charged by a recognised hospital for a service of a kind set out in the Schedule provided to a Medicare patient who is not a compensable patient to whom the *South Australian Health Commission (Recognised Hospital and Incorporated Health Centre—Compensable and Non-Medicare Patients Fees) Regulations 1995* apply is as set out in the Schedule.

(2) A person who is—

(a) a resident of a State or Territory of the Commonwealth other than South Australia; or

(b) a member of the armed forces of the Commonwealth; or

(c) entitled to a benefit under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* of the Commonwealth,

may, with the approval of the Minister, be released from liability to pay fees under these regulations.

(3) A recognised hospital may remit the whole or part of a fee payable to it under these regulations in order to alleviate financial hardship.

SCHEDULE*Fees for services provided to Medicare patients at recognised hospitals*

	Fee (per day)
1. For the accommodation, maintenance, care and treatment of a public overnight stay patient	no fee
2. For the accommodation, maintenance and care of a private overnight stay patient	\$242.00
3. For the accommodation, maintenance, care and treatment of a public patient who is a same day patient	no fee
4. For the accommodation, maintenance and care of a private patient who is a same day patient—	
(a) for gastro-intestinal endoscopy or other minor surgical and non-surgical procedures that do not normally require an anaesthetic (Band 1)	\$175.00
(b) for procedures (other than Band 1 procedures) carried out under local anaesthetic with no sedation given where the actual time in the theatre is less than one hour (Band 2)	\$200.00
(c) for procedures (other than Band 1 procedures) carried out under general or regional anaesthesia or intravenous sedation where the actual time in the theatre is less than one hour (Band 3)	\$219.00
(d) for any procedures carried out under general or regional anaesthesia or intravenous sedation where the actual time in the theatre is one hour or more (Band 4)	\$242.00
5. For the accommodation, maintenance, care and treatment of a public long stay patient who is acutely ill	no fee
6. For the accommodation, maintenance, care and treatment of a public long stay patient who is not acutely ill	87.5 per cent of the Commonwealth benefit
7. For the accommodation, maintenance and care of a private long stay patient who is not acutely ill	\$82.50 plus 87.5 per cent of the Commonwealth benefit