

# BRITISH GUIANA

## REGULATIONS

### MADE UNDER

### THE PUBLIC HOSPITALS ORDINANCE, (Chapter 187).

UNDER SECTION 4 (2) OF THE PUBLIC HOSPITALS ORDINANCE, THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Hospital Fees (Amendment) Regulations, 1954, and shall be construed and read as one with the Hospital Fees Regulations, 1952 hereinafter referred to as the Principal Regulations and any Regulations amending the same.

2. Regulation 12 of the Principal Regulations is hereby amended:—

(a) by the insertion after sub-regulation (2) of the following new sub-regulation —

“Special  
conditions  
for certain  
Government  
employees.

(2A) Every Government employee, not being a casual employee or an employee mentioned in sub-regulation (2) of this regulation, who is certified by the Head of any Department as being on the regular staff of the Department and who desires to be admitted for treatment to a Public Hospital as a paying patient or to guarantee payment of the Hospital expenses of any member of his family must either conform to the general regulations of paying patients above or alternatively sign a special guarantee form issued for the purpose of authorising deductions in weekly instalments from his salary:

Provided always that where such employee enters into an agreement as in Form E the deductions in weekly instalments shall not be permitted to extend beyond a maximum period of four weeks; and provided also that the officer administering the Institution may refuse to accept as a paying patient any such employee or member of his family in respect of whom a guarantee form is signed as aforesaid if in his opinion the employee is already indebted in respect of Hospital expenses to a considerable or unreasonable extent having regard to his rate of pay”; and

(b) by the addition after sub-regulation (3) of the following proviso —

Form E.

“Provided that where the officer administering the Institution refuses to accept a person mentioned in sub-regulation (2A) of this regulation as a paying patient on the ground that the employee is already indebted in respect of Hospital expenses to a considerable or unreasonable extent having regard to his rate of pay, such person shall nevertheless be admitted as a pauper patient in the General wards of the Hospital without being required to produce a certificate of pauperism specified in regulation 3 of these Regulations.”

3. Schedule 7 to the Principal Regulations as substituted by regulation 3 of the Hospital Fees (Amendment) Regulations, 1953, is hereby amended by the insertion after the words “Police Force” of the words “and to all other Government employees certified by the appropriate Head of Department as being on the regular staff of such Department.”

4. The Principal Regulations are hereby amended by the insertion after Form D of the following new Form—

“FORM E.

GUARANTEE FOR PAYMENT OF HOSPITAL EXPENSES BY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

To be signed by a Government employee.

I request that you will admit....., residing at....., into the Hospital for treatment, and in consideration thereof I agree to be responsible for the payment of any expenses incurred in his/her behalf either (a) at the rate of ..... (1) a day or (b) for a sum not exceeding ..... dollars.

2. I understand that the services of special nurses, day and night if required (2), operation fees (3), fees for Radiographic examinations and Electrical treatment (4) are extra and in addition to the *per diem* rate for treatment and maintenance and I agree and hereby undertake to pay such additional charges if incurred.

3. I further agree that the amount of the Hospital account shall be deducted from my salary in weekly instalments, and hereby authorize the Financial Secretary to deduct from my salary in payment of these expenses such weekly sum and for such period (not exceeding four weeks) as the Surgeon-General may determine.

Signature .....  
 Address .....  
 Office .....  
 Date.....

Witness.....

- (1) 30 and 60 cents a day in the Ordinary Wards, \$1.80 to \$6.00 a day in the Private Wards.
- (2) An extra charge of 90 cents a day and the same at night will be made for each nurse.
- (3) Operations and accouchements will be charged for extra in accordance with the patient's means. The amount charged will be subject to the approval of the Surgeon-General.
- (4) In accordance with the rates laid down in the Schedules to the Regulations.

**CERTIFICATE OF EMPLOYMENT ON REGULAR STAFF.**

I hereby certify that.....is a Government employee on the regular staff of the..... Department, being employed as a.....and paid at the rate of \$.....per week.

Head of Department.”

Made by me this ninth day of September, 1954.

**ALFRED SAVAGE,**  
Governor.

Made by the Legislative Council this nineteenth day of November, 1954.

**I. CRUM EWING,**  
Clerk of the Legislature.