

**BRITISH GUIANA****REGULATIONS**

MADE UNDER

THE PUBLIC HOSPITALS ORDINANCE,

(Cap. 187).

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

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Hospital Fees (Amendment) Regulations, 1953, and shall be construed and read as one with the Hospital Fees Regulations, 1932, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Regulations.

2. The definitions of the expression "paying patient" in regulation 2 of the Principal Regulations, is hereby amended by the substitution of the figures and words "30 cents per day" for the figures and words "25 cents per day".

3. The Schedules to the Principal Regulations are hereby revoked and the following substituted therefor:—

**"SCHEDULE I.**

Rates to be charged daily for general paying patients treated in Public Hospitals according to the accommodation provided:—

Two Dollars and forty cents to Six Dollars.

One Dollar and eighty cents.

Sixty cents.

Thirty cents.

2. The amounts charged for maintenance and treatment in the various wards of Public Hospitals are fixed subject to the approval of the Director of Medical Services.

**Special Nurses.**

3. Where a special nurse is requested by a patient, or relative or friend on behalf of a patient who is under treatment in any paying ward an extra charge will be made at the rate of ninety cents a day for each day-nurse and ninety cents a night for each night nurse.

**Diet Extras.**

4. Extras not on the authorised diet scale will be provided at the patient's expense.

**Children.**

5. Children under the age of twelve years will be charged for at half of the above rates.

**Operations and Accouchements.**

6. Extra charges for operations and accouchements shall be made in accordance with the patient's means. The amount charged shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Medical Services.

**Method of Calculating Period in Hospitals.**

7. Days of admission and discharge shall be counted as one day only.

Discharged patients attending for dressings, etc.

#### Paying Out-Patients.

8. Patients attending at the paying wards at Public Hospitals for dressings or other surgical or medical treatment subsequent to discharge as in-patients, shall be required to pay for each daily attendance at the rate of sixty cents if discharged from the \$1.80 or \$2.40 per diem ward, and at the rate of \$1.20 if discharged from the \$6.00 per diem ward.

#### Consulting Out-Patients.

9. Any person desiring to consult a member of the staff of any hospital other than the medical officer in charge of the Out-Patients' Department shall be required to produce a recommendation either from a private Medical Practitioner or from a Medical Officer in charge of a district or Government Dispensary. Such consultation shall be charged for at the rate of \$1.20 to \$6.00 according to the means of the patient, unless the latter produces in addition to the recommendation a certificate of poverty or pauperism on the approved form.

#### Non-paying Out-Patients.

10. (1) The following shall be treated free in the Out-Patients' Department :—

- (a) Pauper Patients.
- (b) Children of persons of the labouring classes under the age 15 years.
- (c) Pregnant women of the labouring classes.
- (d) Nursing mothers of the labouring classes.
- (e) Persons of the labouring classes over the age of 65 years.
- (f) Patients being treated for Venereal Disease.

(2) For the purpose of this paragraph the expression "persons of the labouring classes" means persons whose income does not exceed an average of nine dollars a week, and the wives and children who may be residing with them.

### SCHEDULE II.

#### EX-SERVICE MEN'S DISABILITY FEES.

##### A. Imperial Units.

The following are the rates to be charged for the treatment and maintenance of Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men admitted to the Hospital Paying Wards :—

(1) — Out-Door Treatment					
Medical and Surgical Treatment	..	..	..	..	Nil.
(2) — In-Door Treatment					
Medical and Surgical Treatment —					
Lady Thomson's Ward	..	..	..	..	\$3.00
Seamen's Ward	..	..	..	..	\$1.80

##### B. British Guiana Contingents.

The following are the rates to be charged for treatment and maintenance of Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men who served overseas with the British Guiana Contingent during the Great Wars, who are admitted to Hospital Paying Wards :

- (1) — Out-Door Treatment,
- Medical and Surgical Treatment .. .. Nil,
- (2) — In-Door Treatment,

**Officers.**

(1) Medical and Surgical Treatment .. ..	Nil.
(2) Maintenance — Lady Thomson Ward, Public Hospital, Georgetown, and paying wards at other Public Hospitals .. ..	\$1.50 per diem.

**Non-Commissioned Officers and Men.**

(1) Medical and Surgical Treatment .. ..	Nil.
(2) Maintenance — Lower Seamen's Ward, Public Hospital, Georgetown, or corresponding wards at other Public Hospitals .. ..	Nil.

**NOTE:** The rates under paragraph B shall apply to Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Volunteers of the British Guiana Volunteer Force who sustain any injury whilst on duty or contract any complaint or disease whilst on duty. Para 26 of Reg. 19 of 1948.

**SCHEDULE III.****RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR X-RAY EXAMINATIONS AND FOR X-RAY AND ELECTRICAL TREATMENTS.**

(1) Radiographic Examinations —	
(a) Hand, wrist, foot ankle, lower jaw, elbow, nasal bones ..	\$ 2.40
(b) Forearm, leg, knee, humerus, shoulder, clavicle, cervical spine .. ..	\$ <b>3.60</b>
(c) Femur, hip, ribs, skull .. ..	\$ 4.80
(d) Pelvis, lumbar, spine, lungs .. ..	\$ 6.00
(e) Dorsal spine, heart, etc., (including screening) ..	\$ 7.20
(f) Abdominal examination (for tumors, liver, abscesses, etc)	\$ 4.80
(g) Screening if requested by Medical Officer in charge of case, extra on above fees .. ..	\$ 1.20
(h) Urinary tract (kidney and bladder) .. ..	\$ 7.20
(i) Kidneys after injection of opaque dye .. ..	\$12.00
(j) Bladder only .. ..	\$ 3.60
(k) Gall Bladder .. ..	\$ 3.60
(l) Gall Bladder with opaque dye .. ..	\$ 6.00
(m) Colon (Barium enema) including screenings .. ..	\$ 7.20
(n) Stomach, duodenum, etc. (Barium meal) including screening .. ..	\$ 7.20
(o) Complete examination of alimentary canal .. ..	\$12.00
(p) Screening for foreign bodies not covered by any of above examinations, i.e. foreign bodies swallowed by a child, etc. .. ..	\$ 3.60
(q) When two or more of above examinations are required of the same patient at the same time — 25% reduction.	
(r) Stereoscope examination (when available) — 25% extra.	
(s) Teeth per film .. ..	\$ 1.20
(t) Teeth complete set .. ..	\$ 9.60
(2) Treatments —	
(a) Electrical treatment from 60c. to .. ..	\$ 1.80
(b) Deep X-Ray Therapy (undertaken with the 250 KV Apparatus) .. ..	\$ 6.00
(c) Medium X-Ray Therapy (undertaken with the 180 KV Apparatus) .. ..	\$ 4.32

- (d) Treatment with contact Therapy machine .. .. \$ 2.88  
 (e) For each area treated in addition to the Original one .. .72
- (3) Paying Patients —  
 (a) Patients paying \$6 per diem shall be charged full fees.  
 (b) Patients paying \$1.80 per diem shall be charged full or half of above fees.  
 (c) Patients paying 60 cents per diem shall be charged one-tenth of above fees.  
 (d) When a patient requires repeated examination for the same injury or condition during the same period in hospital — the first examination shall be charged at the normal rate, subsequent examinations shall be charged at half the normal rate.
- (4) Non-Paying Patients —  
 Free examinations and free X-Ray and Electrical treatments will be available for all non-paying in-patients and for out-patients if approved by the Surgeon or other Officer administering the Institution, on presentation of a pauper or poverty certificate signed by a duly registered medical practitioner.
- (5) In special instances when circumstances justify it, a reduced fee may be authorised by the Surgeon or other Officer administering the Institution to be paid by either an in-patient or an out-patient.
- (6) All fees shall be payable in advance.
- (7) Children under the age of 12 years will be examined at half rates.

#### SCHEDULE IV.

##### DENTAL DEPARTMENT.

The following are the conditions under which patients shall receive dental treatment.

- (1) Out-patients — At any Government Controlled Hospital, Dispensary, Health Centre or Mobile Unit —  
 (a) Poverty patients — for each Extraction .. .. .24c.  
 (b) Pauper patients.  
 Children of persons of the labouring classes under the age of 15 years.  
 Pregnant women of the labouring classes.  
 Nursing mothers of the labouring classes.  
 Persons of the labouring classes over the age of 65 years.  
 — for each extraction .. .. . free.
- (c) In country districts where there is no registered dentist in private practice, for patients other than poverty patients, pauper patients, children of persons of the labouring classes under the age of 15 years, pregnant women of the labouring classes, nursing mothers of the labouring classes or persons of the labouring classes over the age of 65 years —  
 for each extraction .. .. . \$ 1.20
- (2) In-Patients — At any Government Controlled Hospital —  
 (a) Patients while under treatment in hospital shall receive free dental treatment if the dental condition is directly associated with the disease for which they are being treated.  
 (b) Patients paying \$6.00 per diem shall pay for each extraction a fee of \$2.40.

- (c) Patients paying \$1.80 per diem shall pay for each extraction a fee of \$1.20.
- (d) Patients paying 60 cents per diem shall pay for each extraction a fee of 43 cents.
- (e) Patients paying 30 cents per diem shall pay for each extraction a fee of 30 cents.
- (f) Pauper patients, children of persons of the labouring classes under the age of 15 years, pregnant women of the labouring classes, nursing mothers of the labouring classes and persons of the labouring classes over the age of 65 years shall pay for each extraction — Nil.
- (3) For the purposes of this Schedule, the expression "persons of the labouring classes" means persons whose income does not exceed an average of four hundred and eighty dollars per year, and the wives and children who may be residing with them.

**N.B.:** In special cases where circumstances justify it, a reduced fee may be authorised by the Government Dental Officer to be paid by either an in-patient or an out-patient.

### SCHEDULE V.

#### OPHTHALMIC TREATMENT

The following are the rates to be charged for the treatment of ophthalmic cases :—

- (1) Outdoor Treatment —
- (a) Paying Patients.
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|------------------------------------|----|----|----|---------|
| (1) Medical and Surgical Treatment | .. | .. | .. | 58c. to |
|                                    |    |    |    | \$6.00  |
| (2) Testing for glasses            | .. | .. | .. | 53c. to |
|                                    |    |    |    | \$6.00  |
- (b) Poverty Patients.
- |                                    |    |    |    |      |
|------------------------------------|----|----|----|------|
| (1) Medical and Surgical Treatment | .. | .. | .. | 24c. |
| (2) Testing for glasses            | .. | .. | .. | 24c. |
- (c) Pauper Patients.  
Free Treatment.
- (2) Indoor Patients —
- (a) The fees charged shall be in accordance with the several per diem rates laid down for paying and poverty patients.
- (b) The fees charged for Surgical operations shall be from \$2.40 \$60.00.

### SCHEDULE VI.

#### SPECIAL RATES APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES.

1. The undermentioned Government servants are specially entitled to obtain medicine and medicinal attendance and oral surgical treatment from Public Hospitals as Out-Patients free of charge —

#### Out-Patients Treatment.

##### (1) THE POLICE —

Officers, Clerks, Non-Commissioned Officers and Constables. The wives and families of Officers and Senior Clerks. The wives and families of Non-Commissioned Officers and Constables residing in the Police Stations or other Government buildings. The wives and families of all other ranks, including Junior Clerks not residing in Police Stations or other Government buildings. Free specialist consultation, surgical treatment and X-ray examination will be provided where necessary.

- (2) **THE MEMBERS OF THE MILITIA BAND —**  
The Members and wives and families of members of the Militia Band.
- (3) **PRISONS —**  
Officers and their wives and families.
- (4) **ONDERNEEMING INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL —**  
Officers and their wives and families.
- (5) **ALMS HOUSE —**  
Superintendent and Warden, their wives and families and Subordinate employees attached to the Alms House.
- (6) **MEDICAL DEPARTMENT —**  
The staffs of all Public Medical Institutions and the wives and children of all officers and subordinate employees attached to such medical Institutions. Government Medical Officers, Health Visitors and Midwives employed by Government or by the Infant Welfare and Maternity League.
- (7) **POST OFFICE —**  
The following categories of Postal employees with salaries of \$480 per annum and under (free medical treatment, medicines and medical certificates at the Public Hospitals in Georgetown, New Amsterdam, Suddie, Bartica and Mabaruma, only on production of a certificate signed by a Senior Post Office Official);—  
Counter and Relief Clerks  
Sorters and Monitor  
Town Letter Carriers  
Rural Letter Carriers  
Mail Carriers  
Telegraph Operators  
Apprentices (i.e. Auxiliaries and Office Messengers)  
Linesmen, Mechanics and Faultsmen.  
Telegraph Messengers.
- (8) **TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS DEPARTMENT —**  
Employees earning \$480 per annum and under (free medical treatment, medicines and medical certificates at the public hospitals in Georgetown, New Amsterdam, Suddie, Bartica and Mabaruma, only on production of a certificate signed by the head of a sub-department).

#### **In-Patient Treatment.**

2. (a) The following special rates for in-patients' treatment will be charged for the undermentioned persons who were appointed to the services mentioned prior to the 20th June, 1946 —

- (1) Officers attached to Public Medical Institutions including Alms House:—  
(a) Lady Thomson Ward — \$1.50 per diem.  
(b) \$1.80 per diem Ward — 72c. per diem.  
(c) Other Wards — Free.
- (2) District Medical Officers, Government Medical Officers of Health and their Sanitary Staffs. The wives and families of Officers attached to Public Medical Institutions including Alms House:—  
(a) Lady Thomson Ward — \$3.00 per diem.  
(b) \$1.80 per day Ward — \$1.15 per diem.
- (3) (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (3) of this paragraph, police officers appointed prior to the 20th June, 1946, their wives and families shall pay the following rates:—  
(a) Senior Officers  
(i.e. Commissioner of Police, Deputy Commissioner of

Police, Senior Superintendents, Superintendents and Clerks (Grades I and II), their wives and families) —

Free medical and surgical treatment, specialist consultation and X-ray examination will be supplied.

Maintenance —

Lady Thomson Ward \$3.00 per diem

\$2.40 per diem Ward \$1.44 per diem

\$1.80 per diem Ward \$1.15 per diem

Children under 12 years . . . . . Half rates.

(b) Junior Officers

(i.e. Assistant Superintendents, Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors and Clerks under the rank of Grade II, their wives and families) —

Free medical and surgical treatment, specialist consultation and X-ray examination will be supplied.

Maintenance —

Lady Thomson Ward \$3.00 per diem

\$2.40 per diem Ward .86c. per diem

\$1.80 per diem Ward 72c. per diem

Children under 12 years . . . . . Half rates.

- (2) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (3) of this paragraph, police officers appointed after the 20th June, 1946, their wives and families shall pay the same rates as laid down in Schedule VII to these Regulations. Free medical and surgical treatment, specialist consultation and X-ray examination will be supplied.

- (3) Wives and children of officers married prior to the first day of March, 1953, shall pay at the following rate:—

Lady Thomson Ward \$3.00 per diem

(c) Non-Commissioned Officers and Constables —

Police Ward, at Public Hospital, Georgetown, or similar accommodation at other hospitals — 38c. per day.

- (d) Wives and families of Non-Commissioned Officers and Constables 60c. per diem Ward or similar accommodation — 38c. per day.

- (4) Militia Band — Bandmaster to rank as Junior Police Officer for the purposes of maintenance rates. Non-Commissioned Officers and men, their wives and families — 38c. per day. Band apprentices — 38c. per day.

- (5) Prisons — Officers and Clerks, their wives and families to rank as Junior Police Officers for the purposes of maintenance rates, Subordinate Officers, their wives and families — 38c. per day.

**NOTE:** Where the wives and families of Non-Commissioned Officers and Constables are allowed to enter other wards, the rates set out in Schedule I, shall apply.

**“NOTE:** Families in every case to include persons only up to 15 years of age; children under the age of 12 years to be charged to half-rates.”

- (b) The following special rates for in-patients' treatment will be charged for the undermentioned persons:—

- (1) Ouderneaning Industrial School — Subordinate Staff — 38c. per day.

- (2) Georgetown and New Amsterdam Municipalities — Town Constables — 38c. per day.

- (3) Public Works employees in the regular and exclusive employment of the Public Works Department whose salaries are not specially provided on the annual Estimates — 38c. per day.

- (4) Teachers in training at the Government Training College — 38c. per day.

- (5) In the case of trained female nurses, and subordinate employees of any public medical institutions including the Alms House and

of Health Visitors and Midwives employed by Government and by the Infant Welfare and Maternity League, the following shall be treated free:—

- (a) At the Public Hospital, Georgetown—Matron—on the Lady Thomson Ward Female nurses, health visitors, midwives employed by Government or by the Infant Welfare League (including assistant matrons and radiographers)—in the Seamen's Ward.  
Dispensers, male nurses and other male staff—in the Police Ward. Wardmaids, laundresses, porters and other employees—in the General Wards.
- (b) At the Public Hospital, Berbice—Female nurses, health visitors, midwives—in a Side-room especially set aside for that purpose.  
Dispensers, male nurses and other male staff—in the Police Ward. Wardmaids, laundresses, porters and other employees—in the General Wards.
- (c) At the Public Hospital, Suddie, Bartica and Mabaruma—Dispensers and nurses—in one of the \$1.80 per diem side rooms.  
Other staff—in the General Wards.
- (d) At the Mental Hospital  
Male attendants—in the institution's infirmary for two days; thereafter in the Police Ward or its equivalent at the Public Hospital, Berbice.  
Female attendants—in the .60c. per diem Ward at the Public Hospital, Berbice.
- (e) At the Mahaica Hospital and the Alms House—  
Male attendants—at their homes or at the Public Hospital, Georgetown, in the Police Ward or its equivalent.  
Female attendants—in the 60c. per diem Ward at the Public Hospital, Georgetown.
- (f) Seamstresses of all hospitals—in the 60c. per diem ward at the respective hospitals.
- (g) Wardmaids and laundresses of all public medical institutions including the Alms House—to be accommodated as in the case of 30c. per diem patients.

#### SCHEDULE VII.

#### SPECIAL RATES FOR IN-PATIENTS' TREATMENT APPLICABLE TO ALL PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES.

Subject to the provisions set out at paragraph 2 of Schedule VI to these Regulations the following special rates for in-patient treatment will be charged in the case of every Public Officer and every Government employee who is on the Permanent Salary Establishment of the Colony, to all employees of the Transport and Harbours' Department and to Non-Commissioned Officers and Constables of the Police Force.

Lady Thomson Ward	\$6.00 per diem
\$2.40 per diem Ward	\$1.44 per diem
\$1.80 per diem Ward	\$1.15 per diem
.60 per diem Ward	.38 per diem"

*Made by the Legislative Council this 19th day of February, 1953.*

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