



**THE ACCIDENT COMPENSATION (PRIVATE HOSPITALS COSTS) REGULATIONS 1990**

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PAUL REEVES, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 10th day of September 1990

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 120 (1) (f) of the Accident Compensation Act 1982, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

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REGULATIONS

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Accident Compensation (Private Hospitals Costs) Regulations 1990.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 15th day of October 1990.

**2. Interpretation**—In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“The Act” means the Accident Compensation Act 1982:

“Claimant” means a person who has suffered personal injury by accident to which the Act applies:

“Corporation” means the Accident Compensation Corporation:

“Personal injury by accident” means personal injury by accident to which the Act applies:

“Private hospital” means a licensed hospital as defined in section 118 of the Hospitals Act 1957:

“Social Security benefit” means any benefit payable under Part II of the Social Security Act 1964 or any regulations in force under that Part; and includes any payment in respect of any specific treatment made to any private hospital under any arrangement entered into under section 97 of the Social Security Act 1964.

**3. Application**—(1) Subject to these regulations, these regulations shall apply in respect of any treatment provided on or after the 15th day of October 1990 by a private hospital to a claimant in respect of personal injury by accident, irrespective of—

(a) The date on which any fee for any treatment was charged or paid; or

(b) The date on which the personal injury by accident occurred.

(2) These regulations (other than regulation 9(2)) shall not apply in respect of any treatment provided before the 15th day of October 1990 by a private hospital to a claimant in respect of personal injury by accident, irrespective of the date of the charging or payment of any fee for the treatment.

**4. Corporation to pay certain costs**—(1) Subject to these regulations, the Corporation shall pay the costs of treatment provided by a private hospital to any claimant in respect of personal injury by accident to the extent specified in the Schedule to these regulations.

(2) The Corporation shall not pay any costs unless it has received such information and declarations as it may require in order to verify that the claimant has suffered personal injury by accident and that the treatment in respect of which the claim for payment is made was provided in respect of personal injury by accident.

(3) The Corporation shall not pay any costs unless it has been advised of the date on which the treatment was provided and the specific nature of that treatment.

(4) The costs payable by the Corporation, as required or permitted under these regulations, shall be paid—

(a) To the private hospital; or

(b) If they have already been paid by the claimant, then to the claimant.

**5. Second opinions**—(1) The Corporation shall decline to make any payment in respect of any treatment that it considers may not be necessary or appropriate or that it considers may have exceeded the number or duration necessary or appropriate in the particular case until it has obtained a second opinion on the matter.

(2) Where the Corporation, after having obtained the second opinion, believes that the treatment was unnecessary or inappropriate it shall decline to make any payment in respect of the treatment or part of the treatment (as appropriate) and shall advise the claimant and the private hospital accordingly.

(3) Nothing in this regulation shall apply in any case where the treatment concerned or the number of treatments or duration of the treatment concerned has been provided with the prior approval of the Corporation.

**6. Conditions applying to payments for private hospital treatment—**(1) The Corporation shall not make any payment in respect of any treatment specified in the Schedule to these regulations unless—

(a) The treatment is provided as a necessary adjunct to treatment that has been approved under—

(i) The Accident Compensation (Specialists Costs) Regulations (No. 2) 1990\*; or

(ii) The Accident Compensation (Dental Specialists Costs) Regulations (No. 2) 1990†; or

(iii) The Accident Compensation (Anaesthetists Costs) Regulations 1990‡; and

(b) Where the treatment is an item marked in the Schedule to any of those regulations with an asterisk(\*), the prior approval of the Corporation to the provision of the treatment in a private hospital has been obtained.

(2) Nothing in this regulation shall apply in respect of any treatment that is discovered to be necessary to perform, and is performed, during the course of any treatment approved under any regulations referred to in subclause (1)(a) of this regulation.

**7. Goods and services tax—**(1) All amounts specified or referred to in these regulations are inclusive of goods and services tax.

(2) Where any amount is to be calculated in a manner that involves the deduction of any Social Security benefit, the full amount of that benefit, including any goods and services tax component, shall be deducted.

**8. Application of regulations to certificates and treatments provided overseas—**Nothing in these regulations shall limit or restrict section 75 (8) of the Act.

**9. Revocations and savings—**(1) The following regulations are hereby revoked:

(a) The Accident Compensation (Private Hospitals Costs) Regulations 1989 (S.R. 1989/331);

(b) The Accident Compensation (Private Hospitals Costs) Regulations 1989, Amendment No. 1 (S.R. 1989/398).

(2) Notwithstanding regulation 3 (2) of these regulations and subclause (1) of this regulation, where a private hospital has provided, at any time in the period beginning with the 1st day of December 1989 and ending with the close of the 14th day of October 1990, treatment to a claimant in

respect of personal injury by accident, the regulations revoked by subclause (1) of this regulation shall continue to apply in respect of the treatment so provided.

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**SCHEDULE**

*Costs Payable by Corporation in Respect of Treatments Provided  
by Private Hospitals*

The costs payable by the Corporation for treatment provided by a private hospital is the amount that the private hospital would have charged the claimant if the treatment were one for which the Corporation was not making a payment (less any Social Security benefit), or the amount specified below (less any Social Security benefit), whichever is the lesser:

Accommodation Costs	\$
1. Day of admission            ..    ..    ..	118.15
2. Day of discharge            ..    ..    ..	118.15
3. Other days                    ..    ..    ..	236.25
4. Day patient                   ..    ..    ..	157.50

Theatre Costs	\$
5. Standard Cost (including first 15 minutes) ..	135.00
6. plus: from 15 minutes to 1 hour            ..    ..	50.65 per ¼ hour
7. from 1 hour to 2 hours                    ..    ..	33.75 per ¼ hour
8. thereafter to conclusion                   ..    ..	16.90 per ¼ hour

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**MARIE SHROFF,**  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations specify the fees that the Accident Compensation Corporation is to pay in respect of services provided on or after 15 October 1990 by private hospitals in respect of personal injury by accident.

The Corporation is required to pay the lesser of the private hospital's normal charge for similar services or the amount specified in the Schedule in respect of the treatment (less in each case any Social Security benefit).

By virtue of the Accident Compensation Act 1982 and these regulations, the Corporation is not authorised to make any payment until a claim has been verified, and it is satisfied that the service provided relates to the claim.

These regulations deal with the provision of accommodation and theatre time by private hospitals. Payment for the services of specialists and others in private hospitals are dealt with in other regulations.

All amounts referred to in the regulations are now inclusive of goods and services tax.

Payment of the specified amounts are to be made to the private hospital concerned, or, if the claimant has already paid the account, then to the claimant.

Other changes are made to align these regulations with other regulations relating to costs.

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