



**THE ACCIDENT COMPENSATION (PRIVATE HOSPITAL
TREATMENT) REGULATIONS 1982**

DAVID BEATTIE, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 26th day of April 1982

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Accident Compensation Act 1972, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Accident Compensation (Private Hospital Treatment) Regulations 1982.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

2. Interpretation—In these regulations—

“The Act” means the Accident Compensation Act 1972:

“Corporation” means the Accident Compensation Corporation constituted under the Accident Compensation Act 1972:

“Private hospital” means a private hospital licensed under Part V of the Hospitals Act 1957:

“Treatment” includes hospitalisation and any medical, surgical, and anaesthetic charges associated therewith.

3. Payment of cost of treatment—(1) In any case where the Corporation is required to consider a claim for the reasonable cost of treatment of a person as a patient in a private hospital, the Corporation

shall have particular regard to the availability of adequate public hospital facilities which could be used within a reasonable time without detriment to the injured person, and, subject to subclause (2) of this regulation, shall decline to meet all or any part of the cost of treatment where it is satisfied that such facilities exist in respect of the whole or, as the case may be, a part of that treatment.

(2) Where, in relation to any case, the Corporation, having regard to—

(a) The emphasis of the Act on the rehabilitation of the injured person:

(b) The overall economics in the administration of the Act and disbursement of public money:

(c) The economics of the particular case:

(d) Public interest, including the desirability of retaining and attracting adequate medical services in the area concerned:

(e) The emergency nature of any treatment required and the location of available facilities:

(f) The convenience of the injured person and his family:

(g) The opinion of the injured person's medical advisors:

(h) Any other factors relevant to the particular case,—

considers that it is equitable to do so, it may pay the whole or any part of the costs referred to in subclause (1) of this regulation.

P. G. MILLEN,
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 state the circumstances in which the Accident Compensation Corporation may pay for treatment in private hospitals.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Accident Compensation Corporation.