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**THE SOCIAL SECURITY (HOSPITAL BENEFITS)  
REGULATIONS 1964, AMENDMENT NO. 6**

KEITH HOLYOAKE, Governor-General

**ORDER IN COUNCIL**

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 2nd day of April 1979

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. R. D. MULDOON PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Social Security Act 1964, 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**—These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Hospital Benefits) Regulations 1964, Amendment No. 6, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Social Security (Hospital Benefits) Regulations 1964\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

**2. Interpretation**—Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after the definition of the term “geriatric patient” (as inserted by regulation 2 of the Social Security (Hospital Benefits) Regulations 1964, Amendment No. 5), the following definition:

“‘Long-term medical patient’ means a person who has been a patient in a private hospital for a continuous period of 90 days but who is neither a surgical patient, nor a maternity patient, nor a geriatric patient, nor a person who could, in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health formed after consultation with such other medical practitioners as he sees fit to consult in any particular case, more appropriately obtain, elsewhere than in a hospital, the medical treatment that he requires:”.

\*S.R. 1964/17

Amendment No. 1: (*Revoked by S.R. 1966/178*)

Amendment No. 2: (*Revoked by S.R. 1970/111*)

Amendment No. 3: (*Revoked by S.R. 1971/266*)

Amendment No. 4: (*Revoked by S.R. 1976/196*)

Amendment No. 5: S.R. 1976/196

**3. Increasing daily fees**—(1) Regulation 3 (1) of the principal regulations (as substituted by regulation 3 (1) of the Social Security (Hospital Benefits) Regulations 1964, Amendment No. 5) is hereby amended by revoking paragraphs (a) and (b), and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(a) For hospital treatment afforded to a surgical patient on or after the 1st day of August 1978 but before the 1st day of April 1979—

“(i) Where treatment has been afforded on not more than 2 days, the sum of \$30:

“(ii) Where treatment has been afforded on more than 2 days, the sum of \$15 for every day on which treatment has been afforded:

“(b) For hospital treatment afforded to a maternity patient on or after the 1st day of August 1978 but before the 1st day of April 1979, but subject to section 105 of the Social Security Act 1964, the sum of \$15 for every day on which treatment has been afforded.”.

(2) Regulation 3 (1) of the principal regulations (as so substituted) is hereby further amended by inserting, after paragraph (c), the following paragraph:

“(ca) For hospital treatment afforded to a long-term medical patient on or after the 1st day of July 1978 but before the 1st day of April 1979, the sum of \$11 for every day on which treatment has been afforded.”.

P. G. MILLEN,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations increase the daily benefits payable to licensees of private hospitals as follows:

(1) Surgical treatment afforded on or after 1 August 1978 but before 1 April 1979, from \$12 to \$15 a day:

(2) Hospital treatment afforded to a maternity patient on or after 1 August 1978 but before 1 April 1979, from \$12 to \$15 a day.

In addition, a new benefit is introduced for long-term medical patients at the rate of \$11 a day for treatment afforded on or after 1 July 1978 but before 1 April 1979. To qualify for this benefit the patient must have been in a private hospital for a continuous period of 90 days.

**NOTE**—These regulations do not provide for the increases in benefits to come into force on 1 April 1979. Those increases will be provided for in a subsequent consolidation of the regulations.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.