

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY ORDINANCE (Chapter 113)

REVISION TO LIST OF CHARGES

**PUBLIC CHARGES – ELIGIBLE PERSONS**

1.1 Inpatient charges for public wards

- (a) Public ward maintenance fee includes charges for clinical, biochemical and pathology investigations (including consultation, diagnostic imaging and other examinations), vaccines and general nursing, where such examinations or treatments are necessary, and prescriptions within the scale provided at the hospitals and clinics.
- (b) The rates of maintenance fee per day or part thereof, including patients using day wards, are as follows:
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|  | \$  |
| (i) Acute general beds   | 120 |
| (ii) Convalescent/Rehabilitation, Infirmary and Psychiatric beds | 100 |
- (c) An admission fee of \$75 will be charged for the first day of hospitalization in respect of acute general beds. This admission fee will be exempted if the patient is referred from Accident & Emergency Department.
- (d) Children under twelve years of age are charged half the maintenance fees appropriate to the type of bed occupied. All other fees are the same as those for adults.
- (e) Babies who cannot be discharged at the same time as their mothers are charged half the maintenance fee appropriate to the type of bed occupied. All other fees are the same as those for adults.
- (f) For persons accompanying a patient and occupying a bed, the following daily maintenance fee will apply:-
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|  | \$  |
| (i) Acute general beds   | 120 |
| (ii) Convalescent/Rehabilitation, Infirmary and Psychiatric beds | 100 |
- (g) The rate of maintenance fee per month for patients occupying an infirmary bed in Cheshire Home, Chung Hom Kok or Cheshire Home, Shatin is \$2,370.
- (h) Where a patient is admitted into a public ward of a hospital and provided with European Diet or Special Asian Diet meals, the following charges in addition to the daily maintenance fee specified above will apply:
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|                    | \$  |
| Special Asian Diet | 100 |
| European Diet      | 200 |

## 1.2 Inpatient charges for special accommodation wards

- (a) For patients admitted to special accommodation wards, the rates of maintenance fee per day or part thereof charged by the two hospitals with such wards are as follows:
- |  | \$    |
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| (i) Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital | 3,040 |
| (ii) Ruttonjee Hospital                      | 2,100 |
- (b) Special accommodation ward maintenance fee includes charges for clinical, biochemical and pathology investigations (including consultation, diagnostic imaging and other examinations), vaccines and general nursing, where such examinations or treatments are necessary, and prescriptions within the scale provided at the hospitals and clinics.
- (c) Children under twelve years of age admitted into the special accommodation ward are charged half the maintenance fee. All other fees are the same as those for adults.
- (d) Babies who cannot be discharged at the same time as their mothers are charged half the maintenance fee. All other fees are the same as those for adults.
- (e) A daily maintenance fee of \$120 will apply for persons accompanying a patient and occupying a bed.
- (f) Where a patient is admitted into a special accommodation ward of a hospital and provided with European Diet or Special Asian Diet meals, the following charges in addition to the daily maintenance fee specified above will apply:
- |                    | \$  |
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| Special Asian Diet | 100 |
| European Diet      | 200 |

## 1.3 Outpatient charges

- (A) The charges for medical attention and treatment which include the costs of prescriptions (except for the costs of prescriptions relating to attendance at a specialist clinic), pathology investigations, radiology and other examinations are as follows:
- |  | \$        |
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| (a) Attendance at an Accident & Emergency Department   | 180       |
| (b) Attendance at a general clinic   | 50        |
| (c) Attendance at a specialist clinic (including allied health clinic)   |           |
| - First attendance   | 135       |
| - Subsequent attendance  | 80        |
| (d) Attendance at a clinic or hospital for injection or dressing   | 19        |
| (e) Attendance at a hospital for ante-natal or post-natal care, or attendance at a tuberculosis and chest clinic | No charge |
- (B) A charge at \$15 per item will apply for prescriptions relating to attendance at a specialist clinic.
- (C) No charge will be made for Eligible Persons attending a general clinic, or a specialist clinic (excluding allied health clinic), receiving physiotherapy, occupational therapy, injection or dressing at Tung Wah Eastern Hospital, Tung Wah Hospital or Kwong Wah Hospital. Prescriptions relating to attendance at a specialist clinic will be charged at \$15 per item.

1.4 Day hospital / day procedure charges

(A) For each attendance at a day hospital, the following rates of charges per attendance will apply:

	\$
(a) Psychiatric day hospital	60
(b) Geriatric day hospital	60
(c) Rehabilitation day hospital	55

Where a meal or meals are provided, the following charges in addition to the attendance fee specified above will be made for each attendance:

	\$
Special Asian Diet	80
European Diet	160

No additional charge will apply for meals with Asian Diet.

(B) For each attendance for day procedure and treatment at a Clinical Oncology clinic or Renal clinic/centre, a fee of \$96 will be charged.

(C) Other than (B), each attendance for day procedure and treatment in an ambulatory facility will be charged at the rate same as inpatient charges for acute general beds as specified in sections 1.1(b)(i), 1.1(c) and 1.1(d).

1.5 Charges for community services

For the provision of community services, the following rates of charges will apply:

	\$
(a) Community nursing service (per visit)	80
(b) Community allied health service (per treatment)	80

No charge will be made for the provision of community psychiatric nursing service.

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### 1.6 Charges for dental treatment

Dental treatment will be provided by hospitals and clinics to those patients in need of emergency dental treatment or dental treatment as an essential part of their medical treatment. In addition to the appropriate maintenance and/or attendance fees payable, the patient will have to pay for prosthetic appliances at a charge to be determined by the dental officers of the hospital/clinic.

## **GENERAL**

### 3.2 Mentally handicapped patients

No charge will be made for Eligible Persons admitted as inpatients to the Mentally Handicapped Wards of public hospitals.

### 3.3 Tuberculosis, sexually transmitted diseases and leprosy

No charge will be made for Eligible Persons for any investigation or treatment relating to tuberculosis, sexually transmitted diseases or leprosy.

### 3.4 Transfers

- (a) Subject to (b) and (c) below, a patient transferring at his/her own request from one class of accommodation to another will pay the maintenance fee appropriate to the class and/or type of ward/unit from the date of transfer. For private charges, please refer to the List of Private Charges.
- (b) An eligible person transferring at his/her own request to a private ward from a public ward or a special accommodation ward will pay all doctor fee, medication, treatment, investigation and operation fees at the private charge rates prescribed in the List of Private Charges from the original date of admission to the hospital, unless the Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority or the relevant Hospital Governing Committee directs otherwise.
- (c) A non-eligible person transferring at his/her own request to a private ward from a public ward will pay all doctor fee, medication, treatment, investigation and operation fees at the private charge rates prescribed in the List of Private Charges, from the date of transfer to the private ward.

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3.6 Organs/haematopoietic stem cells transplantation

- (a) Subject to (c), no fee is to be charged to potential living organ donors and potential living haematopoietic stem cells donors for investigations solely related to the assessment of their suitability to donate the required organ or haematopoietic stem cells;
- (b) Subject to (c), no fee is to be charged to living organ donors and living haematopoietic stem cells donors for pre-harvesting workup/investigation, organ removal or haematopoietic stem cells harvesting operation/procedures and subsequent clinical follow-up consultation/treatment as determined by a clinician to be directly related to the organ removal or haematopoietic stem cells harvesting; and
- (c) If private inpatient and/or outpatient services are provided to the donors, the fees payable by them shall be those specified in the List of Private Charges.