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HOSPITALS ORDINANCE, 1972:

AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS REGARDING THE CLASSIFICATION OF AND THE FEES TO BE PAID BY PATIENTS AT STATE HOSPITALS

The President has under section 41 of the Hospitals Ordinance, 1972 (Ordinance 14 of 1972),

- (a) further amended the regulations promulgated under Government Notice 215 of 1973 as set out in the Schedule; and
- (b) repealed all and any regulations made under the said section by, and for the purposes of, any former Representative Authority contemplated in the Representative Authorities Proclamation, 1980 (Proclamation AG 8 of 1980), which was repealed by Article 147 of the Namibian Constitution.

SCHEDULE

1. Regulation 1 is hereby amended -

- (a) by the substitution for the definition of "*income*" of the following definition:

" '*income*' means the gross annual income of the person responsible for payment of the fees in terms of the Ordinance in respect of the treatment of a patient in, at or from a state hospital, which income shall be calculated over the 12 month period immediately preceding the date of commencement of such treatment and be verified to the satisfaction of and in the manner determined by the superintendent of the hospital concerned, including the gross annual income of the spouse of such person;"; and

- (b) by the insertion before the definition of "*private patient*" of the following definition:

" '*Permanent Secretary*' means the Permanent Secretary: Health and Social Services".

2. The following regulation is hereby substituted for regulation 2:

- "2.(1) The Permanent Secretary shall classify all state hospitals into Class A, Class B, Class C or Class D state hospitals with regard to -

- (a) the nature of the accommodation, amenities, services and facilities being provided by; and
(b) the operating costs and other expenses connected with,

such hospital.

- (2) The Permanent Secretary shall in writing inform each state hospital of its specific classification.
- (3) The Permanent Secretary may, for the purposes of classifying any state hospital in accordance with the provisions of subregulation (1) -

- (a) request such hospital to furnish him or her with such information as he or she may deem necessary;
- (b) gather any information and conduct any investigation with regard to the activities of such hospital."

3. The following regulation is hereby inserted after regulation 4:

"CASH DEPOSITS OR BANK OR OTHER SURETIES OR SECURITIES

4A. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these regulations, the superintendent of a state hospital may require from any patient who desires admission and treatment in, at or from such state hospital as a private patient or, if such patient is the dependant of another person, the person of whom he or she is a dependant, a cash deposit or bank or other surety or security, to the superintendent's satisfaction, for an amount adequate to cover the full fees and disbursements which in the opinion of such superintendent will be owing and payable in respect of such admission and treatment."

4. The following regulation is hereby substituted for regulation 5:

"5.(1) Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, any patient who is resident in the Republic of Namibia and who is receiving treatment in, at or from a state hospital, shall, according to his income, be classified as a state patient or as a private patient, on the following basis:

	<i>INCOME</i>	<i>CLASSIFICATION</i>
(a) Single	R0,00 to R7500,00	State Patient
	More than R7500,00	Private Patient
(b) Married without dependent children	R0,00 to R11000,00	State Patient
	More than R11000,00	Private Patient
(c) Married with less than 4 dependent children	R0,00 to R16500,00	State Patient
	More than R16500,00	Private Patient
(d) Married with 4 or more dependent children	R0,00 to R22000,00	State Patient
	More that R22000,00	Private Patient

(2) For the purposes of subregulation (1) -

- (a) a dependant shall have the same classification as the person of whom he or she is a dependant;
- (b)
 - (i) any single person, widow, widower or divorcee who has dependent children, shall, as the case may be, be classified under paragraph (c) or (d) of subregulation (1); and
 - (ii) any widow, widower or divorcee without dependent children shall be classified under paragraph (a) of subregulation (1);

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subregulation (1) -

- (a) any person who receives a war veterans's, old age, disability or similar social pension, or any child who in terms of the Children's Act, 1960 (Act 33 of 1960), is in a children's home, reform school, place of safety, school of industries or in the custody of foster parents, shall be classified as a state patient;
- (b) any person -
 - (i) who, as a member of a medical scheme or a medical aid scheme registered in terms of the Medical Schemes Act, 1967 (Act 72 of 1967), or established in terms of the provisions of any other law, or as a dependant of such a member, is entitled to receive benefits under such a scheme; or
 - (ii) whose employer makes available to him or her the necessary facilities to enable him or her to become a member of such a scheme, whether against payment of membership fees or not and whether voluntary or not,

shall, irrespective of his or her income or, in the case of a dependant, the income of the person of whom he or she is a dependant, be classified as a private patient and be liable for payment of the maximum fees by a private in-patient in accordance with the tariff of fees set out in item 3(b) of the Schedule.

- (4) Any patient who is not resident in the Republic of Namibia and who is receiving treatment in, at or from a state hospital shall, irrespective of his or her income, be classified as a private patient and shall be liable in respect of such treatment for payment of fees in accordance with the scale of benefits applicable to medical schemes registered in terms of the Medical Schemes Act, 1967 (Act 72 of 1967).
- (5) For the purposes of subregulations (1) and (4), the decision of the Permanent Secretary whether a patient is resident in the Republic of Namibia or not, shall be final."
5. The following Schedule is hereby substituted for Schedule II:

"SCHEDULE

TARIFF OF FEES FOR TREATMENT IN, AT OR FROM A STATE HOSPITAL

1. GENERAL TARIFF OF FEES FOR TREATMENT

(a) ***State in-patients:***

For the treatment of state in-patients the following single amount shall be paid:

State hospital:

Class A	Class B	Class C
R8,00	R7,00	R5,00

(b) ***Private in-patients:***

The fees for the treatment of private in-patients shall be as set out in the tariff of fees in item 3(b).

(c) ***State out-patients:***

- (i) The fees for a visit between 07h30 and 13h00 or between 14h00 and 16h30 on a weekday and between 08h00 and 12h00 on a

Saturday, except a weekday or Saturday which is a public holiday, shall be:

State hospital:

Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D
Per visit:			
R4,00	R3,50	R2,50	Free

- (ii) The fees for a visit on a Sunday, public holiday or on a weekday or Saturday at any time other than between the hours mentioned in subparagraph (i), shall be:

State hospital:

Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D
Per visit:			
R6,00	R5,00	R3,50	Free

(d) **Private out-patients:**

- (i) The fees for a visit between 07h30 and 13h00 or between 14h00 and 16h30 on a weekday and between 08h00 and 12h00 on a Saturday, except a weekday or Saturday which is a public holiday, shall be:

State hospital:

Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D
Per visit:			
R20,00	R15,00	R8,00	Free

- (ii) The fees for a visit on a Sunday, public holiday or on a weekday or Saturday at any time other than between the hours mentioned in subparagraph (i), shall be:

State hospital:

Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D
Per visit:			
R30,00	R20,00	R10,00	Free

- (e) In addition to the fees referred to in paragraph (b) or (d), a fee of R25,00 shall be payable when a private patient is treated by a state medical practitioner in an emergency before the treatment of such patient is taken over by his or her private doctor.

2. **TARIFF OF FEES FOR TREATMENT OF PATIENTS REFERRED TO IN REGULATION 8**

- (a) The tariff of fees for the treatment of a patient referred to in regulation 8 in, at or from a state hospital shall be -

	Class A	Class B	Class C
(i) In-patient per day	R75,00	R50,00	R25,00
(ii) Out-patient per visit	R20,00	R15,00	R 8,00

- (b) In addition to the fees referred to in paragraph (a), a fee of R25,00 shall be payable when a private patient is treated by a state medical practitioner in an emergency before the treatment of such patient is taken over by his or her private doctor.

3. **TARIFF OF FEES FOR SPECIFIC SERVICES AND AMENITIES AND FOR TREATMENT OF PRIVATE IN-PATIENTS**

(a) **FEES FOR SPECIFIC SERVICES AND AMENITIES**

The appropriate fee prescribed for the services and amenities specified below shall be charged if any private patient or a patient referred to in regulation 8 uses any such service or amenity and shall be payable in addition to any other fee for which such patient may be liable in terms of item 1(d) or 2 or paragraph (b) of this item, as the case may be:

State Hospital

	CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C
(i) for the use of an intensive care unit, per day	R100,00	R65,00	R35,00
(ii) for accommodation in a singleroom, on a request by or on behalf of the patient, per day	R15,00	R10,00	R7,50

(iii)	for accommodation in a singleroom with bath and toilet amenities, on a request by or on behalf of the patient, per day	R25,00	R15,00	R10,00
(iv)	for the use of an operating theatre for the purpose of an operation under anaesthetic, per day or part thereof	R100,00	R65,00	R20,00
(v)	for the use of an operating theatre for any purpose other than that mentioned to in subparagraph (iv), per day or part thereof	R50,00	R35,00	R20,00
(vi)	nuclear medical examinations or treatment, or artereography, per day or part thereof	R60,00	R60,00	R60,00
(vii)	prosthetics and other aids as determined by the Secretary, purchased by the relevant hospital for and on behalf of a patient	THE PURCHASE PRICE SHALL BE PAID BY THE PATIENT DIRECT TO THE SUPPLIER		

(b) Tariff of fees in respect of private in-patients (Rand per day):

INCOME (IN MUL- TIPLES OF R500)	SINGLE			MARRIED WITHOUT DEPENDENT CHILDREN			MARRIED WITH LESS THAN 4 DE- PENDENT CHIL- DREN			MARRIED WITH 4 OR MORE DEPEND- ENT CHILDREN		
MORE THAN	CLASS			CLASS			CLASS			CLASS		
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
7500	21	14	7									
8000	24	16	8									
8500	27	18	9									
9000	30	20	10									
9500	33	22	11									
10000	36	24	12									
10500	39	26	13									
11000	42	28	14	21	14	7						
11500	45	30	15	24	16	8						
12000	48	32	16	27	18	9						
12500	51	34	17	30	20	10						
13000	54	36	18	33	22	11						
13500	57	38	19	36	24	12						
14000	60	40	20	39	26	13						
14500	63	42	21	42	28	14						
15000	66	44	22	45	30	15						
15500	69	46	23	48	32	16						
16000	72	48	24	51	34	17						
16500	75	50	25	54	36	18	21	14	7			
17000	75	50	25	57	38	19	24	16	8			
17500	75	50	25	60	40	20	27	18	9			
18000	75	50	25	63	42	21	30	20	10			
18500	75	50	25	66	44	22	33	22	11			
19000	75	50	25	69	46	23	36	24	12			
19500	75	50	25	72	48	24	39	26	13			
20000	75	50	25	75	50	25	42	28	14			

INCOME (IN MULTIPLES OF R500)	SINGLE			MARRIED WITHOUT DEPENDENT CHILDREN			MARRIED WITH LESS THAN 4 DE- PENDENT CHILD- REN			MARRIED WITH 4 OR MORE DEPEND- ENT CHILDREN		
	CLASS			CLASS			CLASS			CLASS		
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
20500	75	50	25	75	50	25	45	30	15			
21000	75	50	25	75	50	25	48	32	16			
21500	75	50	25	75	50	25	51	34	17			
22000	75	50	25	75	50	25	54	36	18	21	14	7
22500	75	50	25	75	50	25	57	38	19	24	16	8
23000	75	50	25	75	50	25	60	40	20	27	18	9
23500	75	50	25	75	50	25	63	42	21	30	20	10
24000	75	50	25	75	50	25	66	44	22	33	22	11
24500	75	50	25	75	50	25	69	46	23	36	24	12
25000	75	50	25	75	50	25	72	48	24	39	26	13
25500	75	50	25	75	50	25	75	50	25	42	28	14
26000	75	50	25	75	50	25	75	50	25	45	30	15
26500	75	50	25	75	50	25	75	50	25	48	32	16
27000	75	50	25	75	50	25	75	50	25	51	34	17
27500	75	50	25	75	50	25	75	50	25	54	36	18
28000	75	50	25	75	50	25	75	50	25	57	38	19
28500	75	50	25	75	50	25	75	50	25	60	40	20
29000	75	50	25	75	50	25	75	50	25	63	42	21
29500	75	50	25	75	50	25	75	50	25	66	44	22
30000	75	50	25	75	50	25	75	50	25	69	46	23
30500	75	50	25	75	50	25	75	50	25	72	48	24
31000 AND MORE	75	50	25	75	50	25	75	50	25	75	50	25