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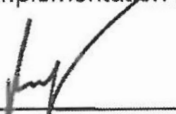
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APPROVAL OF THE HEALTH TARIFFS FOR THE 2018/19 FINANCIAL YEAR

1. Your submission dated 27 February 2018 regarding the request for the patient fees increase for the 2018/19 financial year has a reference.
2. The detailed submission proposes the increase of an average of 5.2 per cent for patient fees which is informed by Uniform Patient Fee Schedule (UPFS) tariffs. The increase is below the projected average inflation of 5.4 per cent as per the National Treasury Budget Review for the 2018/19 and that translates to the affordable health care services offered by the public hospitals. It is acknowledged that UPFS is the national competence of the National Department of Health for the uniform implementation of the patient fees across all provincial hospitals.
3. Provincial Treasury hereby approves the tariffs increase for the patient fees as detailed in the 2018/19 UPFS in accordance with Treasury Regulations 7.3.1 of the PFMA effective from 01 April 2018. The department is advised to ensure the approved tariffs increase is gazetted for implementation and also inform communities and other relevant stakeholders regarding the increase.


MR D. MAJEKE
ACCOUNTING OFFICER AND
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Dear Mr. Majeke

Adjustment of Eastern Cape Department of Health tariffs: 2018/2019

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this submission is to obtain Treasury Approval in terms of Treasury Regulations 7.3.1 for the adjustment of tariffs for the Eastern Cape Department of Health.

2. BACKGROUND

The department generates its revenue from patient fees charged to patients who present themselves for treatment at the public health institutions.

3. METHOD OF CHARGING FEES

Patient Fees

(i) These fees are charged according to the

- Ability of patients to pay for healthcare services rendered – means test.
- Level of public health service delivery
- Level of the health practitioner rendering the health care service
- Type of health care service rendered
- Bed type/ ward if the patient is admitted
- Emergency and rescue services: charges are calculated on the basis of stages of kilometres travelled and on the level of care rendered to the patient.

This means that patient fees will differ accordingly as above. Services rendered to indigent patients, however, are all inclusive and do not differentiate on bed / ward type and level of health care practitioner.

4. CLASSIFICATION OF PATIENTS ACCORDING TO MEANS TEST AND EXPLANATION OF TARIFFS

Patients are thus classified as follows;

Table 1 – Patient Classification

Category	Description	Applicable tariff
H0	No income Social pensioners	Services are free except where specified
H1	Individual : Income less than R70 000 per annum Household : Income less than R100 000 per annum	Minimum tariff applies and services are all inclusive. Maximum tariffs apply where specified
H2	Individual : Income less than R250 000 per annum Household : Income less than R350 000 per annum	A tariff above minimum is charged. Differentiation and itemized billing applies
H3 Self Funded	Earnings above R250 000 per annum single and R350 000 per annum household	85% of full UPFS tariff
Externally funded	Patients covered by a Health Insurance, and treated in a 'public ward'	Full UPFS rates apply
Hospital Staff and Government Employees	Hospital staff and all civil servants treated or receiving health care services and medication in the institution	To health insurance members, full UPFS rates apply. Non-medical aid scheme members are charged according to means test.
Interdepartmental patients	E.g. Claimants from the Road Accident Fund/ Persons on awaiting trial etc.	Full UPFS rates apply
Department of Justice	Psychiatric observations	Full UPFS high care rates apply
Private patients	Patients who prefer to be treated by their own doctors in a public hospital, including pregnant and lactating women and children under 6 years	Full UPFS Facility rates apply
Private patients	Patients treated in differentiated amenities	NHRPL equivalent or tariffs agreed to with Medical Aid Schemes

(ii) **Free Services**

There exist certain circumstances under which patients will receive services free of charge. Such services include, but are not limited to Primary health care services. These services are illustrated in Table 2.

(iii) **By Pass Fee**

A bypass fee of R50.00 will be charged to all patients who come to public health hospitals without a referral letter from primary health care institutions and or a doctor.

IMPLEMENTATION OF TARIFFS

Patient fees will increase by 5.2% from the 2017/18 financial year, the increase applies to externally funded and subsidized patients. This is a Uniform Patient Fee Schedule (UPFS) tariff that is applicable throughout the Republic of South Africa.

5. CONSULTATION

On approval of the tariff reviews by Provincial Treasury, communities and other relevant stakeholders will be informed, and the tariffs will be gazetted.


6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The adjustment of tariffs will increase revenue.

7. RECOMMENDATION

It is hereby recommended that Eastern Cape Provincial Treasury approves the adjustment of tariffs with effect from 1 April 2018

Yours in quality health



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SUPERINTENDANT GENERAL - HEALTH

c.c. The Honourable MEC for Health

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