

THE TERRITORY FOR THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

No. 16 of 1935.

AN ORDINANCE

To amend the Canberra Community Hospital Board
Ordinance 1935.

BE it ordained by the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Seat of Government Acceptance Act 1909* and the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910-1933*, as follows:—

1.—(1.) This Ordinance may be cited as the *Canberra Community Hospital Board Ordinance* (No. 2) 1935. Short title and citation.

(2.) The *Canberra Community Hospital Board Ordinance* 1935 is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

(3.) The Principal Ordinance, as amended by this Ordinance, may be cited as the *Canberra Community Hospital Board Ordinances* 1935.

2. This Ordinance shall commence on the same date as that fixed by the Minister as the date of commencement of the Principal Ordinance. Commencement.

3. Section three of the Principal Ordinance is amended by inserting, after the definition of “infectious disease”, the following definition:— Definition.

“‘prescribed’ means prescribed by this Ordinance or by any regulations or by-laws made thereunder;”.

4. Section seventeen of the Principal Ordinance is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead:—

“17.—(1.) Every person who has for a period of at least three months prior to the date of his admission to the Hospital as an in-patient or an out-patient— Payment by patients.

(a) been resident within the Territory; or

(b) paid Hospital Tax,

shall be entitled to receive, without charge—

(i) if an in-patient—

(1) accommodation in a General Ward of the Hospital for such period as is considered necessary by the Medical Officer in charge of the Hospital;

(2) accommodation in the Isolation Wards if he is suffering from an infectious disease;

(ii) If an out-patient—such services as are provided by the Board for out-patients,

but, if an in-patient, shall be liable, in respect of accommodation, attendance or treatment provided for him by the Board, to pay to the Board all costs determined in the prescribed manner, in excess of the standard rate, but not exceeding in any case the difference between the standard rate and the actual cost of the accommodation, attendance and treatment, and shall also be liable for the cost (if any) incurred by the Board in respect of his removal to or from the Hospital.

“(2.) Every person admitted into the Hospital as an in-patient or out-patient who has not been resident in the Territory for a period of at least three months prior to the date of his admission to the Hospital, and has not, for that period, paid Hospital Tax, shall, in respect of any accommodation, attendance or treatment received by him from the Board, and, if he were removed to or from the Hospital by the Board, in respect of that removal, be liable to pay to the Board a sum determined in the prescribed manner but not exceeding, in any case, the actual cost of the accommodation, attendance, treatment and removal.

“(3.) In the event of a person who has paid Hospital Tax for a period of three months as provided in sub-section (1.) of this section being admitted to a public hospital in the State of New South Wales, whether in a public, intermediate or private ward, if the Board is satisfied that—

- (a) effective treatment at the Hospital is not possible; or
- (b) the person is temporarily absent from the Territory and did not leave the Territory for the purpose of being admitted to another hospital,

the Board may, at its discretion, make a payment to the person concerned or to the public hospital, towards the cost of providing accommodation for the person in that hospital, at the rate of six shillings for each day that person is an in-patient in that hospital, but not exceeding a period of eight weeks in any one year.

“(4.) Any person who has been a financial member of a contributory fund of another public hospital for at least three months immediately preceding his admission to the Hospital shall, on the production of a certificate from the Secretary of such other hospital, be accepted as a patient in the Hospital and be entitled to remission of charges under this section, provided that payment of all prescribed charges be made to the Hospital by the public hospital to whose fund the person is a contributor.

“(5.) For the purposes of this section—

‘accommodation’ includes maintenance and services;

'services' includes the provision of drugs and dressings,
but does not include treatment;

'standard rate' means the rate prescribed as the amount
chargeable for providing accommodation for a patient
in a General Ward of the Hospital;

'treatment' means medical treatment."

5. Section twenty-two of the Principal Ordinance is amended Board may
remit sums of
money due.
by omitting the word "maintenance" (wherever occurring) and
inserting in its stead the words "accommodation, maintenance,
services,".

6. Section twenty-five of the Principal Ordinance is amended By-laws.
by—

(a) omitting from paragraph (d) of sub-section (1.) the
word "maintenance" and inserting in its stead the
words "accommodation, maintenance, services,";
and

(b) omitting from paragraph (e) of sub-section (1.) the
word "officers" and inserting in its stead the words
"medical and other officers, matrons,".

Dated this thirtieth day of October, 1935.

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Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. M. HUGHES

for Minister of State for the Interior.