

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

AMENDMENTS OF THE CANBERRA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL (CHARGES) REGULATIONS

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 8 of 1965

The main purpose of these amendments is to give effect to a previously announced decision by the Government that charges for the treatment of in-patients at the Canberra Community Hospital are to be increased as follows, with effect from 1st January, 1966 :—

general ward patients – from £2.16.0 to £3.8.0 a day;
and
private ward patients – from £4.15.0 to £5.16.0 a day.

2. The amendments also provide for an increase from £4.15.0 to £5.16.0 a day in the rate payable in respect of private ward in-patients, the cost of whose treatment is covered by compensation or damages claims. This increase will also take effect from 1st January, 1966. The currently prescribed charge of £4.0.0 a day in respect of general ward accommodation for such patients remains unchanged.

3. All charges currently prescribed for intermediate ward treatment have been omitted, as the intermediate classification is no longer applied to wards at the Hospital.

4. Regulation 5 of the Canberra Community Hospital (Charges) Regulations at present provides that, for the purposes of charges, wards at the Hospital may be classified as general, intermediate or private, respectively. The purpose of regulation 1 of these amendments is to delete the provision for wards to be classified as intermediate.