

# THE TERRITORY FOR THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

No. 36 of 1936.

## AN ORDINANCE

### To amend the **Canberra Community Hospital Board Ordinance 1935-1936.**

**B**E 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) 1936. Short title and citation.

(2.) Sub-section (3.) of section one of the *Canberra Community Hospital Board Ordinance 1936* is repealed.

(3.) The *Canberra Community Hospital Board Ordinances 1935*, as amended by the *Canberra Community Hospital Board Ordinance 1936*, is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

(4.) The Principal Ordinance, as amended by this Ordinance, may be cited as the *Canberra Community Hospital Board Ordinance 1935-1936*.

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 Section seventeen of the Principal Ordinance is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead:—

“17.—(1.) Where a person or any dependant of a person is admitted to the Hospital as an in-patient or an out-patient, and that person has for a period of three months immediately prior to such admission— Liability of patients.

(a) been resident within the Territory; or

(b) paid Hospital Tax,

the person or the dependant shall, in respect of such admission, be entitled to receive from the Board without charge—

(i) if an in-patient, such accommodation, attendance or treatment in a General Ward of the Hospital as is prescribed; or

(ii) if an out-patient, such attendance, treatment or services as, subject to the direction of the Board, the Medical Officer in charge of the Hospital considers necessary.

“(2.) Any person to whom the last preceding sub-section applies, shall, in respect of—

(a) any accommodation, attendance or treatment received by him or his dependant from the Board, in addition to the accommodation, attendance or treatment to which he or his dependant is entitled as an in-patient or as an out-patient, as the case may be, to receive in pursuance of the last preceding sub-section; or

(b) his or his dependant’s removal to or from the Hospital by or at the expense of the Board,

be liable to pay to the Board such charges as are prescribed.

“(3.) Where a person, not being a person to whom the last two preceding sub-sections apply, or any dependant of such a person, is admitted to the Hospital as an in-patient or an out-patient, that person shall, in respect of any accommodation, attendance or treatment received by him or his dependant from the Board, and, if he or the dependant were removed to or from the Hospital by or at the expense of the Board, in respect of that removal, be liable to pay to the Board such charges as are prescribed, but not exceeding, in any case, the actual cost of the accommodation, attendance, treatment and removal;

Provided that there shall be deducted from any sum due in respect of the liability of any person under this sub-section any amount paid by that person by way of Hospital Tax prior to admission to the Hospital of himself or his dependant.

“(4.) Where any person or any dependant of a person is admitted to a hospital, approved by the Board, in any State whether in a public, intermediate or private ward and that person has, for a period of three months immediately prior to his or his dependant’s admission, paid Hospital Tax, the Board may, in its discretion, make a payment to the person concerned or to the Hospital, towards the cost of providing accommodation for the person or his dependant in that Hospital, at the rate of six shillings for each day that that person or his dependant is an in-patient in that Hospital, but not exceeding a period of eight weeks in any one year:

Provided that, before any payment is made in pursuance of this sub-section, the Board shall be satisfied that, at the time of his admission to the other Hospital—

(a) effective treatment of the person or his dependant was not possible at the Hospital; or

(b) the person or his dependant was temporarily absent from the Territory and had not left the Territory for the purpose of being admitted to a Hospital.

“(5.) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, where any person who is resident within the Municipality of Queanbeyan, or any dependant of such a person so resident, is admitted to the Queanbeyan District Hospital, and that person has,

for a period of three months immediately preceding his or his dependant's admission to that hospital, been employed in the Territory and paid Hospital Tax, the Board may, in its discretion, make to the Queanbeyan District Hospital, a payment towards the cost of providing accommodation for the person or his dependant in that hospital, at the rate of six shillings for each day that that person or his dependant is an in-patient in the hospital, but not exceeding a period of eight weeks in any one year.

“(6.) Any person who is a financial member of a contributory fund of a public hospital in any State shall, on the production of a certificate from the Secretary of that public hospital, be accepted as a patient in the Hospital and shall, to the extent to which payment in respect of his accommodation, attendance or treatment is made to the Hospital by the public hospital to whose fund the person is a contributor, be entitled to a remission of charges under this section.

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

- ‘accommodation’ includes maintenance and services;
- ‘dependant’ in relation to any person, means the wife of that person or any child of that person who is under the age of seventeen years and who is or has been, at any time within twelve months prior to the date of admission to the Hospital, wholly or partly dependent upon the earnings of that person;
- ‘General Ward’ means a ward determined by the Board to be a Public or General Ward and includes an Isolation Ward in the Infectious Diseases Block and a General Ward in the Obstetric Section of the Hospital;
- ‘services’ includes the provision of such drugs and dressings as are specified in the British Pharmacopœia, but does not include treatment;
- ‘treatment’ means medical treatment.”

Dated this second day of September, 1936.

GOWRIE

Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. M. HUGHES

for Minister of State for the Interior.