

Fees Chargeable - Workers Compensation, Third Party (Motor Vehicle) Insurance/Australian Seamen

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Summary Fees chargeable in respect to workers' compensation and third party patients from other states and the Commonwealth.

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This Policy Directive may be varied, withdrawn or replaced at any time. Compliance with this directive is **mandatory** for NSW Health and is a condition of subsidy for public health organisations.

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FEES CHARGEABLE IN RESPECT TO PATIENTS COVERED BY WORKERS' COMPENSATION, THIRD PARTY (MOTOR VEHICLE) INSURANCE AND AUSTRALIAN SEAMEN BY "RECOGNISED" HOSPITALS

Circular No. 75/178 issued on 21 May 1975, indicated the rate at which accounts were to be raised in respect to various categories of patients where it was considered that Section 10 of the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926 was not applicable.

Advice has now been received from the Commonwealth Commissioner for Employees' Compensation that in accordance with the Medibank Agreement the Commonwealth will accept accounts raised at the rate applicable to compensable patients in this State in respect to injured employees. This advice means that hospitals should raise accounts at the rate applicable to Workers' Compensation patients in lieu of the current practice of raising accounts at the rate applicable for normal accommodation.

The revised procedure is indicated below for quick reference to situations which may arise:

Injured Employee	Charge Applicable
Commonwealth Employee	WCC Rate
Australian Seamen	WCC Rate
Interstate Employee Injured in N.S.W.	WCC Rate
Interstate Employee Injured outside NSW	Normal Accommodation Rate
NSW Employee Injured outside NSW	WCC Rate

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In accordance with the provisions incorporated in the Accounts and Audit Determination, the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officers and their equivalents, within a public health organisation, shall be held responsible for ensuring the observance of Departmental policy (including circulars and procedure manuals) as issued by the Minister and the Director-General of the Department of Health.

The revised rates of charges should be raised in respect to all current patients and future patients within the categories mentioned above. However, in raising such accounts the day of admission and day of discharge should be treated as a single day's accommodation and not two individual days.

In relation to institutions not recognised for cost sharing purposes under the terms of the Medibank Agreement the procedures outlined in Circular No. 75/178 should be continued.

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Secretary