

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
HEALTH ACT 1993
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DETERMINATION OF FEES AND CHARGES NO. 82 OF 1993

This Determination of Fees and Charges cancels and replaces the Determination of Fees and Charges No. 2 of 1993 dated 19 January 1993 and notified in Special Gazette No. S8 on 27 January 1993.

The Determination comes into effect on 1 July 1993, and includes the following changes:

- (a) Hospital accommodation fees for both standard and day care (except compensable patients) have been increased in line with proposals for similar categories in New South Wales.

Item	Present Charge \$ per day	New Charge \$ per day
A. 1. Hospital accommodation – standard patients		
(a) in multiple-bed room	\$189.00	\$191.00
(b) in single room, not at patient's request	\$189.00	\$191.00
(c) in single room at patient's request	\$313.00	\$350.00
2. Compensable patient, or non-eligible person	\$527.00	\$543.00

B. Hospital accommodation – day care patients

(a) Band 1	\$137.00	\$139.00
(b) Band 2	\$154.00	\$156.00
(c) Band 3	\$171.00	\$173.00
(d) Band 4	\$189.00	\$191.00

- (b) The minimum contributions for Nursing Home Type patients 16 years and over in hospital accommodation, for patients 16 years and over in nursing home accommodation and for bed retention during patients' absences from the nursing home have been increased by 25 cents per day.
- (c) The fees for ordinary and extensive care patients 16 years and over for requested single rooms equipped with a bath, shower or toilet facilities at nursing homes have been increased by 29 cents per day.
- (d) The fees for ordinary and extensive care patients 16 years and over for requested single rooms (other than in (b) above) at nursing homes have been increased by 28 cents per day.
- (e) The fees for ordinary and extensive care patients under 16 for requested single rooms equipped with a bath, shower or toilet facilities at nursing homes have been increased by 4 cents per day.
- (f) The fees for ordinary and extensive care patients under 16 for requested single rooms (other than in (d) above) at nursing homes have been increased by 3 cents per day.
- (g) The hostel fees for residents 16 years and over have been increased by 20 cents per day.

These adjustments flow on from an increase in the Department of Social Security rent assistance.

The fees have been varied as follows:

Item	Present Charge \$ per day	New Charge \$ per day
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C. Hospital accommodation – nursing home type patients

1. If the patient has attained the age of 16 years and is:

(a) a hospital patient	23.45	23.70
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(b) a private patient	79.80	80.05
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2. If the patient has not attained the age of 16 years and is:

(a) a hospital patient	Nil	Nil
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(b) a private patient	56.35	56.35
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D. Nursing home accommodation fees

1. If the patient has attained the age of 16 years and is:

(a) an ordinary patient in a multiple-bed room	56.80	57.05
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(b) an ordinary patient otherwise than at the patient's request in a single room	56.80	57.05
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(c) an ordinary patient at the patient's request in a single room equipped with a bath, shower or toilet facilities	61.09	61.38
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(d) an ordinary patient at the patient's request in a single room other than that referred to in paragraph (c)	58.94	59.22
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(e) an extensive care patient in a multiple-bed room	62.80	63.05
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(f) an extensive care patient otherwise than at the patient's request in a single room	62.80	63.05
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(g) an extensive care patient at the patient's request in a single room equipped with a bath, shower or toilet facilities	67.09	67.38
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(h) an extensive care patient at the patient's request in a single room other than that referred to in paragraph (g)	64.94	65.22
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2. If the patient has not attained the age of 16 years and is:

(a) an ordinary patient in a multiple-bed room	33.35	33.35
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(b) an ordinary patient otherwise than at the patient's request in a single room	33.35	33.35
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(c) an ordinary patient at the patient's request in a single room equipped with a bath, shower or toilet facilities	37.64	37.68
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(d) an ordinary patient at the patient's request in a single room other than that referred to in paragraph (c)	35.49	35.52
(e) an extensive care patient in a multiple-bed room	39.35	39.35
(f) an extensive care patient otherwise than at the patient's request in a single room	39.35	39.35
(g) an extensive care patient at the patient's request in a single room equipped with a bath, shower or toilet facilities	43.64	43.68
(h) an extensive care patient at the patient's request in a single room other than that referred to in paragraph (g)	41.49	41.52

3. If the patient has or has not attained the age of 16 years and is absent from the Nursing Home for a period of, or periods totalling

(a) the first 28 days	23.45	23.70
(b) over 28 days	An amount equal to the fee applicable for the service listed at D.1 or D.2 above	An amount equal to the fee applicable for the service listed at D.1 or D.2 above
in any period of 12 months commencing 1 July and ending 30 June in each year		

E. Hostel fees

Where a person is:

(a) an extended-stay resident	1.00	1.00
(b) a short-stay resident	2.00	2.00
(c) in any other case	17.86	18.06

- (h) Fees for medical records and health reports have been brought into line with those charged in New South Wales.

Item	Present Charge	New Charge
Q. Medical records and health reports		
1. Preparation of a report by the Medical Records Department as part of its medico-legal responsibilities	\$64.00	\$100.00
2. Preparation of a medical report by a treating medical practitioner appointed to or employed by Woden Valley Hospital requiring no further examination of the patient	\$64.00	\$150.00
3. Preparation of a medical report by a medical practitioner appointed to or employed by Woden Valley Hospital who has not previously treated the patient and no further examination of the patient is required	\$64.00	\$175.00
4. A report made by a treating medical practitioner appointed to or employed by Woden Valley Hospital where a re-examination is required	\$64.00	\$200.00
5. A report made by a medical practitioner appointed to or employed by Woden Valley Hospital who has not previously treated the patient where an examination is required	\$64.00	\$250.00
6. Health records required to be produced by subpoena		
(a) Where at least 48 hours' notice is given for the production of records to the Court	\$32.00	\$39.00
(b) Where less than 48 hours' notice is given	\$50.00	\$59.00
7. Search fees	n/a	\$30.00

- (i) The charge for the recovery of the cost of consumables and support staff associated with coronial post mortems has been increased to current cost levels and included for gazettal

R. Pathology

Coronial post mortems	\$110.00	\$160.00
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(j) New charges have been introduced for the following items

K. Child Health and Development Service

Service charge for compensable non-inpatients and non-eligible persons

first and subsequent consultation	n/a	\$66.00
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S. Dental for necessitous people

A contribution has been introduced for dental supplies

1. Acrylic dentures	n/a	\$20.00
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2. Chrome dentures	n/a	\$120.00
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3. Relines and repairs	n/a	\$10.00
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4. Resilient lining	n/a	\$20.00
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5. Removable orthodontic appliance	n/a	\$20.00
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T. Alcohol and Drug Service

An hourly charge has been introduced for sessional programs and a per session charge introduced reports provided to insurance agents and solicitors

1. Education programs

(a) one facilitator	n/a	\$35.00 per hour
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(b) two facilitators	n/a	\$70.00 per hour
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Service reports supplied to insurance agents and solicitors	n/a	\$30.00 per session
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- (k) The fees and charges for the following services have been increased by 3%, being the expected CPI increase for the 1993-94 financial year :

	Present Charge	New Charge
I. Ambulance fees		
1. Service provided for a person		
(a) distance travelled more than 16 kilometres	\$165.00 plus \$4.75/km over 16 km	\$170.00 plus \$4.90/km over 16 km
(b) in any other case	\$165.00	\$170.00
3. Service provided to an organisation		
(a) for 4 hours or less	\$338.00	\$348.00
(b) for more than 4 hours	\$338.00 plus \$84.50/hr over 4 hours	\$348.00 plus \$87.00/hr over 4 hours
J. Outpatient service fees Compensable non-inpatients and non-eligible persons		
. first visit	\$97.00	\$100.00
. second and subsequent visits	\$64.00	\$66.00
K. Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy		
first and subsequent consultations	\$64.00	\$66.00
L. Patients personal laundry		
	\$1.03	\$1.06
M. Mass vaccinations for work groups etc.		
	\$6.40 plus vaccine	\$6.60 plus vaccine
	per hour	per hour
N. Radiation Safety Section consultancy		
	\$75.00	\$77.00

O. Use of accommodation and facilities	\$95.00	\$98.00
P. ACT Government Analytical Laboratory		
1. Testing for Dept. of Defence – Army, Air Force		
(a) cannabis	\$75.00	\$77.00
(b) urine	\$75.00	\$77.00
(c) positive plus confirmation	\$75.00	\$77.00
2. Services to other government bodies	\$75.00	\$77.00
3. Alcohol analysis for Australian Federal Police		
(a) blood	\$75.00	\$77.00
(b) standard alcohol solution	\$75.00	\$77.00
(c) physical evidence samples	\$75.00	\$77.00
4. Asbestos identification	\$75.00	\$77.00
5. Air fibre monitoring	\$75.00	\$77.00
6. Sodium potassium levels	\$75.00	\$77.00
7. Services for ACT Coroner's Office	\$75.00	\$77.00

The increases relate to the services in the Determination of Fees and Charges listed at A, B, C, D, E, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S and T of the Schedule.