

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Regulations 1979 No. 14

Regulations under the *Health Commission Ordinance 1975*¹

I, RALPH JAMES DUNNET HUNT, the Minister of State for Health, hereby make the following Regulations under the *Health Commission Ordinance 1975*.

Dated this twenty-second day of August 1979.

RALPH J. HUNT
Minister of State for Health

AMENDMENTS OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION (CHARGES) REGULATIONS²

Commence-
ment

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 1 September 1979.

Hospital fees

2. Regulation 3 of the Health Commission (Charges) Regulations is amended—

- (a) by omitting from sub-regulation (1) “sub-section 74 (1)” and substituting “sub-section 74 (2)”;
- (b) by omitting from paragraph (1) (a) “\$60” and substituting “\$75”;
- (c) by omitting from paragraph (1) (b) “\$40” and substituting “\$50”;
- (d) by omitting from paragraph (1) (c) “\$40” and substituting “\$50”;
- (e) by omitting from sub-regulation (2) “sub-section 74 (1)” and substituting “sub-section 74 (2)”;
- (f) by omitting from sub-regulation (2) “\$100” and substituting “\$136”;
- (g) by omitting sub-regulation (7); and
- (h) by omitting from sub-regulation (10):
 - (i) “sub-section 74 (1)” and substituting “sub-section 74 (2)”;
 - (ii) “\$20” and substituting “\$25”.

- 3.** Regulation 3A of the Health Commission (Charges) Regulations is amended—
- (a) by omitting from sub-regulation (1) “sub-section 74 (1)” and substituting “sub-section 74 (2)”; and
- (b) by omitting from sub-regulation (2) “sub-section 74 (1)” and substituting “sub-section 74 (2)”.
- 4.** Regulation 4 of the Health Commission (Charges) Regulations is amended by omitting “sub-section 74 (1)” and substituting “sub-section 74 (2)”.
- 5.** Regulation 5 of the Health Commission (Charges) Regulations is amended by omitting from sub-regulation (2) “sub-section 74 (1)” and substituting “sub-section 74 (2)”.
- 6.** Regulation 5A of the Health Commission (Charges) Regulations is amended by omitting from sub-regulation (2) “sub-section 74 (1)” and substituting “sub-section 74 (2)”.
- 7.** Regulation 6 of the Health Commission (Charges) Regulations is amended by omitting from sub-regulation (1) “sub-section 74 (1)” and substituting “sub-section 74 (2)”.
- 8.** Regulation 6A of the Health Commission (Charges) Regulations is amended by omitting from sub-regulation (1) “sub-section 74 (1)” and substituting “sub-section 74 (2)”.
- 9.** Regulation 6B of the Health Commission (Charges) Regulations is amended by omitting from sub-regulation (1) “sub-section 74 (1)” and substituting “sub-section 74 (2)”.
- 10.** Regulation 7 of the Health Commission (Charges) Regulations is amended—
- (a) by omitting from sub-regulation (1) “sub-section 74 (1)” and substituting “sub-section 74 (2)”; and
- (b) by omitting from sub-regulation (2) “sub-section 74 (1)” and substituting “sub-section 74 (2)”.
- 11.** Regulation 8 of the Health Commission (Charges) Regulations is amended by omitting “sub-section 74 (1)” and substituting “sub-section 74 (2)”.

Out-patient fees

Nursing-home fees

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Dental fees

12. Regulation 9 of the Health Commission (Charges) Regulations is repealed and the following regulation substituted:

“9. (1) In this regulation—

‘dependant’, in relation to a person included in a prescribed class of persons, means—

- (a) the wife of the first-mentioned person;
- (b) a woman who is living with the first-mentioned person as his wife on a permanent and *bona fide* basis, although not legally married to him;
- (c) a child under the age of 16 years who is in the custody, care and control of the first-mentioned person or of the wife or husband of that person; or
- (d) a person wholly or substantially dependent on the first-mentioned person or on the wife or husband of that person, being a person who—
 - (i) has attained the age of 16 years;
 - (ii) is receiving full-time education at a school, college or university; and
 - (iii) is not in receipt of an invalid pension under Part III of the *Social Services Act 1947*;

‘infectious disease’ means an infectious disease prescribed under the Public Health (Infectious and Notifiable Diseases) Regulations;

‘recognized hospital’ has the same meaning as in the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

“(2) For the purposes of sub-section 74 (3) of the Ordinance, each of the following classes of persons is prescribed:

- (a) persons who are in receipt of an age pension, an invalid pension or a widow’s pension under Part III of the *Social Services Act 1974*, or dependants of such persons;
- (b) persons who are suffering from an infectious disease;
- (c) persons who are provided with an ambulance service in relation to the diagnosis, treatment or control of tuberculosis;
- (d) persons who have not attained the age of 18 years and for whom the need for an ambulance service occurred while in attendance at a school or while travelling to or from a school;
- (e) persons who are financial members of the ambulance subscription scheme conducted by the Commission, or dependants of such persons;
- (f) persons who are patients in a recognized hospital in the Territory and who are required to be moved from that hospital to another recognized hospital in the Territory; and
- (g) persons who are members of an ambulance subscription scheme conducted in a State or Territory with which there is in existence

an agreement with the Commission in relation to the provision of ambulance services, or dependant of such persons.”.

13. The Schedule to the Health Commission (Charges) Regulations Schedule is repealed and the following schedule substituted:

SCHEDULE		Regulation 8
CHARGES FOR DENTAL TREATMENT		
Column 1	Column 2	
Dental service	Prescribed charge	
		\$
Consultation and examination (not being the second or a subsequent consultation and examination)		6.80
Second or subsequent consultation and examination		6.40
Removal of plaque		10.20
Scaling and cleaning (including removal of plaque)		14.60
Topical application of fluoride		5.00
Restoration of 1 surface, using amalgam		13.40
Restoration of 2 surfaces, using amalgam		16.20
Restoration of 3 surfaces, using amalgam		21.50
Restoration, using synthetic porcelain		14.60
Plastic restoration		14.60
Restoration of 1 surface, using composite resin		16.40
Restoration of 2 surfaces, using composite resin		20.00
Supply and fixing of a direct gold inlay		The cost of the inlay or \$76, whichever is the lesser
Supply and fixing of crown or bridge		Cost of materials or \$362, whichever is the lesser, together with \$8.50 for every 20 minutes or part thereof
Removal of pulp and filling of 1 root canal of a tooth		77.00
Removal of pulp and filling of 2 root canals of the same tooth		88.00
Removal of pulp and filling of 3 or 4 root canals of the same tooth		118.00
Pulp capping		3.20
Pulpotomy		11.40
X-ray of the whole mouth		40.50
Extra-oral lateral X-ray		16.40
Other X-rays—		
(a) 1 film		7.00
(b) 2 films		11.20
(c) 3 or more films		\$15.50, together with \$4.30 for each film in excess of 3
Emergency treatment for relief of pain or control of haemorrhage		6.00
Sedative dressing for emergency treatment		8.80
Extraction of 1 tooth under local anaesthesia		11.80
Extraction of each additional tooth under local anaesthesia		7.90
Supply of full upper or lower acrylic denture		170.00
Supply of full upper and lower acrylic dentures		295.00
Supply of acrylic partial denture with 1 tooth		71.00
Supply of acrylic partial denture with 2 teeth		83.00
Supply of acrylic partial denture with 3 teeth		97.00
Supply of acrylic partial denture with 4 teeth		110.00

SCHEDULE—continued

Column 1	Column 2
Dental service	Prescribed charge
	\$
Supply of acrylic partial denture with 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 teeth	134.00
Supply of acrylic partial denture with 10, 11 or 12 teeth	158.00
Supply of clasp (other than clasp for use with cast metal dentures)	7.60
Supply of occlusal rest otherwise than as part of clasp	3.70
Supply of cast metal partial denture with 1 tooth	The charge for casting, together with \$88.00
Supply of cast metal partial denture with 2 teeth	The charge for casting, together with \$102
Supply of cast metal partial denture with 3 teeth	The charge for casting, together with \$118
Supply of cast metal partial denture with 4 teeth	The charge for casting, together with \$130
Supply of cast metal partial denture with 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 teeth	The charge for casting, together with \$158
Supply of cast metal partial denture with 10, 11 or 12 teeth	The charge for casting, together with \$182
Casting of cast metal dentures	The cost of the casting or \$76, whichever is the lesser
Relining of a denture (other than a temporary relining)	69.00
Rebasing of a denture (other than a temporary rebasing)	69.00
Repair of fractured denture	16.00
Replacement of 1 tooth or clasp	16.00
Replacement of 1 tooth or clasp where impression required	23.00
Replacement of further teeth or clasps	7.00 per tooth or clasp
Addition of 1 tooth or clasp to denture	33.50
Addition of further teeth or clasps	\$8.80 per tooth or clasp
Treatment of acute gingival infection, first visit	14.60
Treatment of acute gingival infection, second or subsequent visit	11.00
Impression where required for denture repair	3.30

Application

14. (1) The amendment effected by regulation 13 does not apply in relation to a dental service provided by the Commission where any act forming part of the provision of that service was done before the commencement of these Regulations.

(2) The Health Commission (Charges) Regulations, as in force immediately before the commencement of these Regulations, continue to

apply in relation to a dental service provided by the Commission where any act forming part of the provision of that service was done before the commencement of these Regulations.

NOTES

1. Notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on 31 August 1979.
2. Regulations 1975 No. 13 as amended by Regulations 1976 No. 18; 1977 Nos. 11, 15, 24 and 28; 1978 Nos. 7, 8, 15, 17, 18 and 19; and 1979 No. 5.