

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY ORDINANCE (Chapter 113)

REVISION TO LIST OF CHARGES

In accordance with section 18(4) of the Hospital Authority Ordinance, it is hereby notified that the Hospital Governing Committees and the Hospital Authority have, in respect of the public hospitals set out in Schedules 1 and 2 of the Hospital Authority Ordinance and in exercise of their respective powers under sections 18(1) and (2) of the Hospital Authority Ordinance, determined that the fees payable for hospital services as set out in S.S. No. 4 to Gazette No. 13/2003 (G.N.(S.) 44 of 2003) as amended by G.N. 4094 to Gazette No. 34/2005 and G.N. 626 to Gazette No. 4/2007 and G.N. 6864 to Gazette No. 43/2007 and G.N. 4419 to Gazette No. 28/2010 and G.N. 7020 to Gazette No. 45/2010 and G.N. 3179 to Gazette No. 19/2012 and G.N. 3499 to Gazette No. 20/2012 and G.N. 1488 to Gazette No. 12/2013 and G.N. 5708 to Gazette No. 39/2013 and G.N. 3884 to Gazette No. 24/2017 and G.N. 2015 to Gazette No. 12/2019 and G.N. 2107 to Gazette No. 18/2020 will be revised as follows:—

- (i) with effect from 29 December 2022, Appendix I to the amended S.S. No. 4 to Gazette No. 13/2003 (G.N.(S.) 44 of 2003) will be revised by replacing Sections 2.1(a), 2.2 and 3.1 in Appendix I with the Sections 2.1(a), 2.2 and 3.1 as set out below:—

Section 2.1(a):—

Public ward maintenance fee includes charges for clinical, biochemical and pathology investigations (including consultation, diagnostic imaging and other examinations), vaccines and general nursing, where such examinations or treatments are necessary, and prescriptions (other than antiviral drugs prescribed for the treatment of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)) within the scale provided at the hospitals and clinics.

Section 2.2:—

The charges for medical attention and treatment which include the costs of prescriptions (other than antiviral drugs prescribed for the treatment of COVID-19), pathology investigations, radiology and other examinations are as follows:—

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(a) Attendance at an Accident and Emergency Department	1,230
(b) Attendance at a general clinic	445
(c) Attendance at a specialist clinic (including allied health clinic)	1,190
(d) Attendance at a clinic or hospital for injection or dressing	100

Section 3.1:—

Diseases under the International Health Regulations (IHR) of the World Health Organization (WHO)

No charge will be made for attendance at an Accident and Emergency (A&E) Department or admission into a public ward for patients suffering from or suspected to be suffering from:—

- (a) diseases that may constitute a public health emergency of international concern for which under the mechanism of WHO a single case, irrespective of context, requires immediate notification to the WHO; or
- (b) diseases that have demonstrated the potential to cause a serious health impact and to spread rapidly across borders.

as specified under the prevailing IHR. However, Non-eligible Persons suffering from or suspected to be suffering from COVID-19:—

- (a) attended at an A&E Department for medical attention and treatment will be charged for the attendance; or
- (b) admitted into public wards will be charged public ward maintenance fee but not fee for the related attendance at an A&E Department.

Note: A list of diseases as specified under the prevailing IHR is available at the website of the Hospital Authority (<http://www.ha.org.hk>) > Patients > Service Guides > Fees and Charges).

and

- (ii) with effect from 30 January 2023, Appendix I to the amended S.S. No. 4 to Gazette No. 13/2003 (G.N.(S.) 44 of 2003) will be revised by replacing Section 3.1 in Appendix I as said in (i) above with the Section 3.1 as set out below:—

Section 3.1:—

Diseases (other than COVID-19) under the International Health Regulations (IHR) of the World Health Organization (WHO)

No charge will be made for attendance at an Accident and Emergency Department or admission into a public ward for patients suffering from or suspected to be suffering from:—

- (a) diseases that may constitute a public health emergency of international concern for which under the mechanism of WHO a single case, irrespective of context, requires immediate notification to the WHO; or
- (b) diseases that have demonstrated the potential to cause a serious health impact and to spread rapidly across borders.

as specified under the prevailing IHR.

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