

1991—No. 617

WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT 1989—REGULATION

(Relating to the rates for treatment of injured workers at private hospitals)

NEW SOUTH WALES



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HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, and in pursuance of the Workers Compensation Act 1987, has been pleased to make the Regulation set forth hereunder.

JOHN FAHEY
Minister for Industrial Relations and
Minister for Further Education,
Training and Employment.

The Workers Compensation (General) Regulation 1987 is amended:

(a) by inserting in clause 10A in alphabetical order, the following definition:

“procedure benefit band” means a category of treatment requiring the use of an operating theatre and listed in the Medibank Private Procedure Benefit Bandings, published by Medicare Private and as in force on 10 May 1991;

(b) by omitting the Table to clause 10B (a) and by inserting instead the following Table:

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TABLE

Column 1 <i>Patient classification</i>	Column 2 <i>Period of hospitalisation</i>	Column 3 <i>Amount per Day</i>			
		<i>Hospital category</i>	<i>Hospital category</i>	<i>Hospital category</i>	<i>Hospital category</i>
		A	B	C	D
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Advanced surgical patient	1 to 14 days	425	400	—	300
	Over 14 days	290	290	—	230
surgical patient	1 to 14 days	400	380	—	265
	Over 14 days	290	290	—	225
Psychiatric patient	1 to 42 days	380	350	300	265
	43 to 65 days	295	265	245	225
	Over 65 days	270	235	230	210
Rehabilitation patient	1 to 49 days	415	350	300	255
	Over 49 days	305	260	245	210
Other patient (medical)	1 to 14 days	360	340	300	215
	Over 14 days	290	255	245	180
Day patient	up to 1 day	210	210	210	115

- (c) by omitting Column 3 of the Table to clause 10B (a1) and by inserting instead the following Column:

Column 3 <i>Amount per day</i>
\$
1500
1035

- (d) by omitting from clause 10B (b) the words “period of that use” and by inserting instead the words “procedure benefit band applicable to that treatment”;
- (e) by omitting the Table to clause 10 (b) and by inserting instead the following Table:

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Column 1	Column 2
	\$
Band 1A	100
Band 1	180
Band 2	315
Band 3	380
Band 4	495
Band 5	695
Band 6	790
Band 7	1055
Band 8	1475
Band 9A	1525
Band 9	1950
Band 10	2300
Band 11	2725
Band 12	2950
Band 13	3575

(f) by omitting Column 2 of the Table to clause 10B (b1) and by inserting instead the following Column:

Column 2
\$
105
210
255
325
355
460
500

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 62 of the Workers Compensation Act 1987 provides that the amount for which an employer is liable in respect of hospital treatment for an injured worker is the cost to the hospital of the treatment, calculated in the manner prescribed in the Workers Compensation (General) Regulation 1987.

The object of this Regulation is:

- to adopt a different system of categorisation of treatments requiring the use of an operating theatre based on the Medibank Private Procedure Benefit Bandings; and
 - to increase the amounts payable by employers for treatment of workers at private hospitals.
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