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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

HOSPITAL AND SPECIALIST SERVICES

The National Health Service (Pay-Bed Accommodation in Hospitals, etc.) Regulations, 1961

Made - - - -	1*st February*, 1961
Laid before Parliament	3*rd February*, 1961
Coming into Operation	1*st March*, 1961

The Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 4 of the National Health Service Act, 1946(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations :—

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Pay-Bed Accommodation in Hospitals, etc.) Regulations, 1961, and shall come into operation on the first day of March, 1961.

2. The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. There shall be substituted for regulation 3 of the National Health Service (Pay-Bed Accommodation in Hospitals, etc.) Regulations, 1953(c), the following regulation :—

"3. The charge to be made by the Minister under section 4 of the Act for accommodation in a single room or small ward in a hospital shall be:—

(*a*) for accommodation in a single room, twenty-four shillings a day:

(*b*) for accommodation in a small ward with two or more beds, twelve shillings a day:

Provided that, if in the latest financial year for which information is available the average daily cost per in-patient as calculated by the Board or Committee was less than forty-eight shillings, the charge to be made shall be, in the case of a single room, half of the daily cost so calculated or, in the case of a small ward, one quarter of that cost."

4. The provisions of these regulations shall not affect any agreement for accommodation under section 4 of the Act subsisting at the date on which the regulations come into operation.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this first day of February, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

(L.S.)

J. Enoch Powell,
Minister of Health.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) S.I. 1953/420 (1953 I, p. 1280).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations increase the maximum charge which may be made under section 4 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, for accommodation in hospital in a single room to twenty-four shillings a day and in a small ward to twelve shillings a day. Agreements made before the regulations come into operation are not affected.