

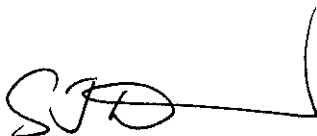
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Purpose: **Interstate Hospital Inpatients**

Charging for Interstate Hospital Inpatients

1. Under the Medicare Agreement 1993-98 Victoria is required to enter into arrangements with all other States and Territories for the financial adjustment for inpatient treatment provided by recognised hospitals to persons normally resident in another State.
2. The Agreements finalised for 1993/94 cover payment for all inpatient treatment provided to interstate public and private patients in public hospitals, except where such treatment takes place in a Nationally Funded Centre.
3. The Agreements exclude payment for treatment of persons as a compensable or Department of Veterans' Affairs inpatient, and treatment of persons in private hospitals unless the patients are being treated by the private hospital under contract to the public sector as defined in the Medicare Agreement.
4. Financial adjustment is made between States on a form of casemix funding based on data transmitted by hospitals to the Victorian Inpatient Minimum Database collection.

Hospital Patient Revenue

5. Hospitals are provided with government funding for inpatients through the variable payment outlined in the Hospital Conditions of Funding 1993/94. This payment includes treatment provided to interstate patients in 1993/94 and takes the place of any separate payment arrangements for this purpose between the hospital in this State and health agencies in any other State or Territory.
6. Hospital revenue raising will be based on the fees manual to be released by H&CS. Inpatient fees revenue applies to compensable, Department of Veterans' Affairs, private and overseas patients.



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