

## *Hospital Circular*

**Distribution:** Public Hospitals  
Health Insurance Funds

**Subject:** Nursing Home Type & Nursing Home Patient Fees

**Purpose:** To advise hospitals and health insurance funds of the new nursing home and nursing home type patient contribution fee.

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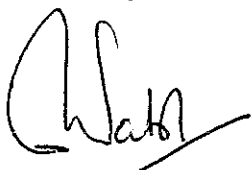
With effect from 23 March 1995 the standard rate pension increased. This takes the combined rate of pension and rent assistance from \$195.40 to \$198.15 per week.

Consequently, the statutory resident contribution will increase from \$24.45 to \$24.75 per day for residents in nursing homes approved under the National Health Act. This represents 87.5% of the standard rate of pension plus rental assistance rounded to the nearest five cents.

The increase in **nursing home type** and **nursing home patients** takes effect from 23 March 1995

As a result of changes to the nursing home and nursing home type patient fees, could you please make the following amendments to your copy of the Fees and Charges for Acute Health Services in Victoria: A Handbook for Public Hospitals:

1. **Nursing Home Type Patients** - replace 18 in Part 1, Fees for Admitted Patients. This change is effective from 23 March 1995.
2. **Nursing Home Fees** - replace page 2 in Part 3, Fees for Other Services. This change is effective from 23 March 1995.



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## Ineligible Patients

Hospitals may set fees for patients who are not covered by Medicare, including overseas patients. In setting fees, hospitals should be aware that some overseas patients are entitled to free care because of reciprocal health care agreements.

Fees for ineligible patients should be set to achieve full cost recovery, unless specifically authorised by the Regional Director.

## Nursing Home Type Patients

The following fees are charged daily for nursing home type patients in public hospitals:

Basic Benefit (private patients)	\$61.56
Extensive Care (private patients - where applicable)	\$6.00
Patient Contribution (all patients)	\$24.75

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Total revenue for hospital	\$92.30
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(See section on Compensable Patients re: compensable nursing home patients)

*Date of effect: 23 March 1995*

*Reference: Circular No. 6/1995*

The bedday rates for Department of Veterans' Affairs, nursing home type patients in public hospitals are:

<b>PERIOD</b>	<b>RATE PER DAY</b>
1 July 1993 to 31 August 1993	\$189
1 September 1993 to 30 June 1994	\$191

(See section on Department of Veterans' Affairs patients)

*Date of effect: 1 July 1993*

*Reference: Circular No. 50/93, issue 22 October 1993*

## Nursing Home Fees

### A) CAM/Modified SAM Nursing Homes:

For nursing homes that have converted to the CAM/SAM funding model (that is, CAM Modified SAM homes) the following applies:

	<b>FEE PER DAY(\$)</b>
Resident contribution	\$24.75
RCI 1 - 5 (including interim rate) depending on individual classification:	
RCI 1	\$80.19
RCI 2	\$69.93
RCI 3	\$58.19
RCI 4	\$39.15
RCI 5	\$27.41
Interim RCI	\$53.85
Modified SAM	\$28.09

### B) Continuing "Frozen Benefits" Nursing Homes:

Resident contribution (all residents) of \$24.75 is deducted by the Commonwealth from the CAM Modified SAM fees and the balance is paid by the Commonwealth.

The following fees apply to nursing homes that continue to receive 'Frozen Benefits' from the Commonwealth Government and have not converted to the CAM/SAM funding model (that is, non-CAM/SAM homes).

	<b>FEE PER DAY(\$)</b>
Basic benefit	48.50
Extensive Care (where applicable)	6.00
Resident Contribution	24.75
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Total	79.25

Additional fees are payable by residents in non-CAM/SAM homes whose income is above the pension level. The maximum additional fee is \$14.20 per day. This additional fee is subject to an assessment of a resident's financial status.

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