

THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT

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THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT

SCHEME
(under section 3)

THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES (SOUTHERN REGIONAL HEALTH
AUTHORITY) MANAGEMENT SCHEME, 1997

(Made by the Minister on the 18th day of November, 1997)

G.N. 315/97
Amdts.:
L.Nn. 141/2000
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1. This Scheme may be cited as the National Health Services (Southern Regional Health Authority) Management Scheme, 1997.

Citation

2. In this Scheme—

Interpretation.

“Authority” means the Southern Regional Health Authority;

“Board” means the Board of Management of the Authority constituted under paragraph 4;

“Chairman” means Chairman of the Board;

“the region” means the Southern Region described in the First Schedule.

First
Schedule

3. There is hereby established a body to be called the Southern Regional Health Authority which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and with power to acquire, hold and dispose of property, to enter into contracts, to sue and be sued in its said name and to do all things necessary for the purposes of this Scheme:

Establishment
and incorpora-
tion of
Southern
Regional Health
Authority.

Provided that such power may only be exercised with the approval of the Minister.

4.—(1) There shall be a Board to be called the Southern Regional Health Authority Board of Management.

Establishment,
constitution
and functions
of the Board.

(2) The provisions of the Second Schedule shall have effect as to the constitution and operations of the Board and otherwise in relation thereto.

Second
Schedule

(3) Subject to any directions from the Minister, the functions of the Board shall be to plan, administer and control the services of the Authority so as to ensure that the best interests of the region, in the delivery of public health services, are served.

Powers of
the Board.

5. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme and to any regulations made under the Act, the Board shall have power to do all such things as are, in its opinion, necessary for or conducive to the proper discharge of its functions and in particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, shall have power—

- (a) to equip, furnish, maintain and manage public health facilities within the region to ensure efficient delivery of a high standard of public health services;
- (b) in accordance with any powers as may, from time to time, be delegated by the Public Service Commission, or otherwise in accordance with Law, to appoint persons to the staff of the public health facilities in the region, to remove and to exercise disciplinary control over such persons;
- (c) subject to any Code of Discipline established under the Act, to make rules for the maintenance of good order and discipline amongst employees of such public health facilities;
- (d) to collect fees prescribed by or under any enactment for the time being applicable to such public health facilities;
- (e) to make recommendations to the Minister with regard to any matter directly or indirectly affecting such public health facilities or the development of the services offered therein;
- (f) to appoint committees consisting wholly or partly of members of the Board and to specify the matters to be referred to each such committee;
- (g) within the limits of the approved budget, to exercise control over such expenditure as may be necessary or expedient for the due performance of any duty or the effective exercise of any power imposed or conferred upon the Board; and
- (h) to perform such other duties in relation to the management of the public health facilities in the region as the Minister may require the Board to perform.

6.— (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the Board may, for the purposes of the due discharge of its functions, delegate any of those functions to the Chairman or any other member of the Board or to a committee appointed by the Board or to any public officer serving in a public health facility in the region.

Delegation
of functions.

(2) Any action taken pursuant to such delegation shall be notified to the Board not later than the second meeting of the Board after the action is taken.

(3) A delegation under this paragraph may be made in respect of any particular matter or class of matters, or generally, or may be made subject to such terms and conditions as the Board thinks fit.

(4) A delegation under this paragraph—

(a) may at any time be revoked by the Board; and

(b) while in force, shall not prevent the discharge by the Board of any function thereby delegated.

7. The Minister may, after consultation with the Chairman, give to the Authority such written directions, whether of a general or specific character, as he thinks fit as to the policy to be followed by the Authority in the performance of its functions, and the Authority shall give effect to such directions.

Policy
directions
by the
Minister.

8. The funds of the Authority shall consist of—

Funds of the
Authority.

(a) such moneys as may from time to time be placed at its disposal by Parliament for the purposes of this Scheme;

(b) special grants of funds as may be provided by Government for the financing of the Authority's undertakings or projects;

(c) all sums received by the Authority as charges or fees for public health services rendered or the provision of any other service whatsoever;

- (d) grants and donations from persons, including local, national and international bodies; and
- (e) such other moneys as may lawfully become payable to or vested in the Authority.

Estimates

9.—(1) The Board shall prepare in each year and shall submit to the Minister in the prescribed form, on or before the prescribed date, estimates of revenue and expenditure in respect of its functions for the period commencing on the first day of April next following and ending on the thirty-first day of March of the subsequent year (hereinafter called the “financial year”).

(2) No expenditure of funds mentioned in paragraph 8 shall be undertaken in any financial year unless provision therefor has been made either in the estimates submitted under sub-paragraph (1) or in supplementary estimates which have been submitted and approved in the prescribed manner.

(3) Subject to such conditions as may be imposed by the Minister, the Board may apply savings effected on one part of the estimates to any shortfall in any other part of such estimates, so, however, that such transfer of expenditure shall not in any case exceed the total expenditure authorized in the estimates.

Accounts
and audit.

10.—(1) The Board shall keep proper accounts and records in relation to its functions and shall prepare and submit to the Minister annually a statement of accounts in a form satisfactory to the Minister.

(2) The accounts and records shall be kept in such a manner as to provide separate information in respect of each of the main activities of the Board and to show as far as possible the financial and operational results of each such activity.

(3) The accounts of the Board shall be audited by a firm of auditors approved by the Auditor-General.

(4) The Auditor-General, the Accounting Officer for the Ministry and officers authorized by the Minister shall have access to all the accounts and records of the Board and to all such information as is necessary for the purposes of the audit.

11.—(1) The Board shall, within six months after the end of the financial year, cause to be made and transmitted to the Minister a report dealing generally with the activities of the Board during the preceding financial year, and containing information concerning the policy and operational plans within which the Board proposes to carry out its functions, and such other information as the Minister may require. Annual report.

(2) Medical and other audits as determined by the Minister, shall be conducted periodically and the auditors shall have access to all relevant records held by the Board and to all such information as may be necessary for the purposes of such audit.

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MANAGEMENT SCHEME, 1997*

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Paragraph 2)

The Southern Region

The Southern Region consists of the parishes of St. Elizabeth, Manchester and Clarendon.

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Paragraph 4)

Constitution and Procedure of Board

Appointment of
Members

1.—(1) The Board shall consist of not less than twelve nor more than fifteen members, as the Minister may from time to time appoint.

(2) The members of the Board shall be—

- (a) the Regional Director, who shall also be the secretary of the Board;
- (b) the Senior Medical Officer of the Regional Hospital;
- (c) the Chief Executive Officer of the Regional Hospital;
- (d) the Regional Technical Officer;
- (e) one nominee of the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry responsible for health;
- (f) not less than one nor more than two members of the Local Boards of Health; and
- (g) not less than six nor more than eight community members, resident in the region, selected by the Minister from (but not limited to) the following areas of endeavour—
 - (i) engineering;
 - (ii) law;
 - (iii) management and entrepreneurship;
 - (iv) finance;
 - (v) sociology; and
 - (vi) the clergy.

(3) The members of the Board—

- (a) mentioned in sub-paragraph (2)(a) to (e) shall be *ex officio* members; and
- (b) mentioned in sub-paragraphs (2)(f) and (g) shall be appointed members.

(4) The Minister shall appoint one of the members of the Board to be Chairman thereof.

(5) The members of the Board may elect one of their number to be Vice-Chairman thereof.

(6) At any meeting, in the case of the absence or inability to act of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, the members of the Board present shall elect one of their number to act as Chairman for that meeting.

Publication of
membership.

2. The names of all members of the Board as first constituted and every change in the membership thereof shall be published in the *Gazette*.

Temporary
appointment.

3. The Minister may appoint any person to act temporarily in the place of any member of the Board appointed by him in the case of the absence or inability to act of such member.

Period of
appointment.

4.—(1) An appointed member of the Board shall, subject to this Schedule, hold office for such period, not exceeding three years, as may be stated in the instrument of appointment, but such member shall be eligible for reappointment.

SECOND SCHEDULE, *contd.*

(2) The Minister may, for reasonable cause, at any time revoke the appointment of any appointed member of the Board, and where any such member fails, without reasonable excuse, to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board, the Minister may revoke the appointment of that member.

5.—(1) Any appointed member of the Board may at any time resign his office by instrument in writing addressed to the Minister and transmitted through the Chairman; and from the date of the receipt by the Minister of such instrument, that person shall cease to be a member of the Board.

Resignations.

(2) The Chairman may at any time resign his office by instrument in writing addressed to the Minister; and such resignation shall take effect from the date of the receipt of that instrument by the Minister.

6.—(1) The seal of the Board shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Chairman or a member of the Board authorized to act in that behalf and the secretary of the Board and such seal shall be officially and judicially noticed.

Seal and documents of the Board.

(2) All documents, other than those required by law to be under seal, made by, and all decisions of the Board may be signified under the hand of the Chairman or any member authorized to act in that behalf and the secretary of the Board.

7. A member of the Board who is directly or indirectly interested in a contract made or proposed to be made by the Board—

Disclosure of interest.

(a) shall disclose the nature of his interest at a meeting of the Board; and

(b) shall not take part in any deliberation or decision of the Board with respect to that contract.

8.—(1) The Board shall meet at such times as may be necessary or expedient for the transactions of business, and such meetings shall be held at such places and times and on such days as the Board may determine:

Procedure and meetings.

Provided that during a financial year of twelve months beginning on April 1 in each year not less than six meetings of the Board shall be held.

(2) Minutes of all meetings of the Board shall be recorded.

(3) The Chairman may at any time call a special meeting to be held within seven days from the receipt of a written request for that purpose addressed to him by any three members of the Board.

(4) The Chairman or, in the case of the absence or inability to act of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman or the person elected to act as Chairman in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (6) of paragraph 1 shall preside at the meetings of the Board, and when so presiding the Chairman or Vice-Chairman or the person elected as aforesaid to act as Chairman shall have an original and a casting vote.

(5) The quorum of the Board shall be eight members.

(6) Subject to the provisions of this Schedule the Board may regulate its own proceedings.

(7) The validity of any proceedings of the Board shall not be affected by any vacancy amongst the members thereof or by any defect in the appointment of a member thereof.

9.—(1) No action, suit, prosecution or other proceedings shall be brought or instituted personally against any member of the Board in respect of any act done *bona fide* in pursuance or execution or intended execution of the Board's functions.

Protection of members of Board.

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SECOND SCHEDULE, contd.

(2) Where any member of the Board is exempt from liability by reason only of the provisions of this paragraph the Board shall be liable to the extent that it would be if the said member were a servant or agent of the Board.

Service of
document

10. Any summons, notice, or any other document required or authorized to be served upon the Board under the provisions of any enactment may, unless in any case there is express provision to the contrary, be served by delivering the same to the Chairman or the secretary of the Board, or by sending it by registered post addressed to the secretary of the Board at the principal office of the Board.

Remuneration
of members

11. There shall be paid from the funds of the Board to the Chairman and other members of the Board such remuneration, whether by way of honorarium, salary or fees, and such allowances as the Minister may determine.

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REGULATIONS
(under section 13)

THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES (HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEES) REGULATIONS, 1997

(Made by the Minister on the 12th day of December, 1997)

G.N. 319/97
L.N. 109A/2002

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Services Citation.
(Hospital Management Committees) Regulations, 1997.

2. In these Regulations—

Interpretation.

“Chairman” means chairman of a Committee;

“Committee” means a Hospital Management Committee appointed
under section 13 (2) (d) of the Act.

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), each Committee shall consist of fifteen Members of
members. Committees.

(2) The members of each such Committee shall be—

- (a) the Regional Director;
- (b) the Chief Executive Officer of the hospital, who shall also be Secretary to the Committee;
- (c) the Regional Technical Director;
- (d) the Senior Medical Officer of the hospital;
- (e) the Matron of the hospital;
- (f) the Parish Manager;
- (g) seven community members, resident in the region, selected by the Minister from (but not limited to) the following areas of endeavour—

- (i) engineering;
 - (ii) law;
 - (iii) management or entrepreneurship;
 - (iv) finance;
 - (v) sociology; and
 - (vi) the clergy;
- (h) a member of the Regional Health Authority, nominated by the Chairman of the Board of the Regional Health Authority;
- (i) one representative of the employees of the hospital, to be nominated in the prescribed manner.

(3) In any case where two hospitals are being managed jointly, the Senior Medical Officer and the Matron of each hospital shall be members of the Committee.

Duties of
Committees.

4. Subject to any general directions given by the Board of the Regional Health Authority to the Committee, each Committee shall have responsibility for—

- (a) setting the terms of all contracts between the regional hospital and others;
- (b) advising the Regional Health Authority on all matters of public health in the hospital;
- (c) monitoring the delivery of health services in the hospital;
- (d) managing the expenditure of all funds earned by the hospital or forwarded by the Regional Health Authority for the use of that hospital; and
- (e) such other matters as the Minister may from time to time, in writing, direct.

Chairman and
Vice-
Chairman.

5.—(1) The Minister shall appoint one of the members of the Committee to be Chairman thereof.

(2) The members of the Committee may elect one of their number to be Vice-Chairman thereof.

(3) At any meeting, in the case of the absence or inability to act of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, the members of the Committee

present and together constituting a quorum shall elect one of their number to act as Chairman for that meeting.

6. The names of all members of the Committee as first constituted and every change in the membership thereof shall be published in the *Gazette*. Publication of membership.

7. The Minister may appoint any person to act temporarily in the place of any member of the Committee appointed by him in the case of the absence or inability to act of such member. Temporary appointment.

8.—(1) An appointed member of the Committee shall, subject to these Regulations, hold office for such period, not exceeding three years, as may be stated in the instrument of appointment, but such member shall be eligible for reappointment. Period of appointment.

(2) The Minister may, for reasonable cause, at any time revoke the appointment of any appointed member of the Committee, and where any member fails, without reasonable excuse, to attend three consecutive meetings of the Committee, the Minister shall revoke the appointment of that member.

9.—(1) Any appointed member of the Committee may at any time resign his office by instrument in writing addressed to the Minister and transmitted through the Chairman; and from the date of the receipt by the Minister of such instrument, that person shall cease to be a member of the Committee. Resignations.

(2) The Chairman may at any time resign his office by instrument in writing addressed to the Minister; and such resignation shall take effect from the date of the receipt of that instrument by the Minister.

10. A member of the Committee who is directly or indirectly interested in a contract or other matter being settled or proposed to be settled by the Committee under paragraph 4— Disclosure of interest.

- (a) shall disclose the nature of his interest at a meeting of the Committee; and
- (b) shall not take part in any deliberation or decision of the Committee with respect to that contract or matter.

Procedure and
meetings.

11.—(1) The Committee shall meet at such times as may be necessary or expedient for the transaction of business, and such meetings shall be held at such places and times and on such days as the Committee may determine:

Provided that during any financial year not less than six meetings of the Committee shall be held.

(2) Minutes of all meetings of the Committee shall be recorded.

(3) The Chairman may at any time call a special meeting to be held within seven days from the receipt of a written request for that purpose addressed to him by any three members of the Committee.

(4) The Chairman or, in the case of the absence or inability to act of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman or the person elected to act as Chairman in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (2) of regulation 5 shall preside at the meetings of the Committee and, when so presiding, the Chairman or Vice-Chairman or the person elected as aforesaid to act as Chairman shall have an original and a casting vote.

(5) The quorum of a Committee shall be—

- (a) ten members in the case of a Committee which consists of fifteen members;
- (b) eleven members in the case of a Committee which consists of seventeen members.

(6) Subject to the provisions of these Regulations the Committee may otherwise regulate its own proceedings.

(7) The validity of any proceedings of the Committee shall not be affected by any vacancy amongst the members thereof or by any defect in the appointment of a member thereof.

Protection of
members of
Committee.

12.—(1) No action, suit, prosecution or other proceedings shall be brought or instituted personally against any member of the Committee in respect of any act done *bona fide* in pursuance or execution or intended execution of the Committee's functions.

(2) Where any member of the Committee is exempt from liability by reason only of the provisions of this regulation, the Regional Health Authority shall be liable to the extent that it would be if the said member were a servant or agent of that Regional Health Authority.

13. Any summons, notice, or any other document required or authorized to be served upon the Committee under the provisions of any enactment may, unless in any case there is express provision to the contrary, be served by delivering the same to the Chairman or the Secretary of the Committee, or by sending it by registered post addressed to the Secretary of the Committee at the principal office of the Committee.

Service of
document.

14. There shall be paid from the funds of the Regional Health Authority to the Chairman and other members of the Committee such remuneration, whether by way of honorarium, salary or fees, and such allowances as the Minister may determine.

Remuneration
of members.

THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT

REGULATIONS
(under section 13)THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES (PARISH COMMITTEES)
REGULATIONS, 1997*(Made by the Minister on the 12th day of December, 1997)*

G.N. 320/97

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Services (Parish Committees) Regulations, 1997. Citation.

2. In these Regulations—

Interpretation.

“Chairman” means chairman of a Committee;

“Committee” or “Parish Committee” means a Parish Committee appointed under section 13 (2) (d) of the Act.

3.—(1) Each Parish Committee shall consist of not less than thirteen nor more than fifteen members as the Minister may from time to time appoint.

Members of Committees.

(2) The members of each such Parish Committee shall be—

- (a) the Parish Manager, who shall also be the Secretary to the Committee;
- (b) the Medical Officer of Health for the parish;
- (c) where there are hospitals in the parish other than a regional hospital, the Chief Executive Officer of a hospital other than a regional hospital in that parish;
- (d) two representatives of the Regional Health Authority who shall be—
 - (i) the Regional Director or Regional Technical Director; and
 - (ii) a nominee of the Chairman of the Regional Health Authority;

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- (e) two representatives of the Local Board of Health for the parish;
- (f) one representative of health workers, who works within the parish;
- (g) one representative of health workers, who works within the parish, but does not work in a hospital in the said parish;
- (h) not less than four nor more than six community members, resident in the parish, selected by the Minister from (but not limited to) the following areas of endeavour—
 - (i) engineering;
 - (ii) law;
 - (iii) management or entrepreneurship;
 - (iv) finance;
 - (v) sociology; and
 - (vi) the clergy.

**Duties of
Committees.**

4. Subject to any general directions given by the Board of the Regional Health Authority to the Committee, each Committee shall have responsibility for—

- (a) advising the Regional Health Authority on all matters of health in the parish;
- (b) planning and monitoring the delivery of health services in the parish;
- (c) taking initiatives to promote health in the parish;
- (d) managing the expenditure of all funds forwarded by the Regional Health Authority for the use of the parish; and
- (e) such other matters as the Minister may from time to time, in writing, direct.

**Chairman and
Vice-
Chairman.**

5.—(1) The Minister shall appoint one of the members of the Committee to be Chairman thereof.

(2) The members of the Committee may elect one of their number to be Vice-Chairman thereof.

(3) At any meeting, in the case of the absence or inability to act of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, the members of the Committee present and together constituting a quorum shall elect one of their number to act as Chairman for that meeting.

6. The names of all members of the Committee as first constituted and every change in the membership thereof shall be published in the *Gazette*. Publication of membership.

7. The Minister may appoint any person to act temporarily in the place of any member of the Committee appointed by him in the case of the absence or inability to act of such member. Temporary appointment.

8.—(1) An appointed member of the Committee shall, subject to these Regulations, hold office for such period, not exceeding three years, as may be stated in the instrument of appointment, but such member shall be eligible for reappointment. Period of appointment.

(2) The Minister may, for reasonable cause, at any time revoke the appointment of any appointed member of the Committee, and where any member fails, without reasonable excuse, to attend three consecutive meetings of the Committee, the Minister shall revoke the appointment of that member.

9.—(1) Any appointed member of the Committee may at any time resign his office by instrument in writing addressed to the Minister and transmitted through the Chairman; and from the date of the receipt by the Minister of such instrument, that person shall cease to be a member of the Committee. Resignations.

(2) The Chairman may at any time resign his office by instrument in writing addressed to the Minister; and such resignation shall take effect from the date of the receipt of that instrument by the Minister.

10.—(1) The Committee shall meet at such times as may be necessary or expedient for the transaction of business, and such meetings shall be held at such places and times and on such days as the Committee may determine: Procedure and meetings.

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Provided that during a financial year of twelve months not less than six meetings of the Committee shall be held.

(2) Minutes of all meetings of the Committee shall be recorded.

(3) The Chairman may at any time call a special meeting to be held within seven days from the receipt of a written request for that purpose addressed to him by any three members of the Committee.

(4) The Chairman or, in the case of the absence or inability to act of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman or the person elected to act as Chairman in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (3) of regulation 5 shall preside at the meetings of the Committee and when so presiding the Chairman or Vice-Chairman or the person elected as aforesaid to act as Chairman shall have an original and a casting vote.

(5) The quorum of the Committee shall be ten members.

(6) Subject to the provisions of these Regulations the Committee may otherwise regulate its own proceedings.

(7) The validity of any proceedings of the Committee shall not be affected by any vacancy amongst the members thereof or by any defect in the appointment of a member thereof.

Protection of
members of
Committee.

11.—(1) No action, suit, prosecution or other proceedings shall be brought or instituted personally against any member of the Committee in respect of any act done *bona fide* in pursuance or execution or intended execution of the Committee's functions.

(2) Where any member of the Committee is exempt from liability by reason only of the provisions of this regulation the Regional Health Authority shall be liable to the extent that it would be if the said member were a servant or agent of that Regional Health Authority.

Service of
document.

12. Any summons, notice, or any other document required or authorized to be served upon the Committee under the provisions of any enactment may, unless in any case there is express provision to the contrary, be served by delivering the same to the Chairman or the

Secretary of the Committee, or by sending it by registered post addressed to the Secretary of the Committee at the principal office of the Committee.

13. There shall be paid from the funds of the Regional Health Authority to the Chairman and other members of the Committee such remuneration, whether by way of honorarium, salary or fees, and such allowances as the Minister may determine. **Remuneration of members.**

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REGULATIONS
(under section 13)

THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES (FEES) REGULATIONS, 1999

*(Made by the Minister on the 1st day of March, 1999)*L. N. 38/99
88A/2004
215B/2007
Amdts:
L. N. 49E/2009

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Services (Fees) Regulations, 1999.

2. In these Regulations—

“chronic diseases” means the diseases specified in Part II of the Sixth Schedule;

Sixth
Schedule.

“primary care” means care and treatment received at a public health facility other than a public hospital;

“private patient” means a patient in a public health facility who is cared for by public health personnel in a private capacity;

“public patient” means a patient in a public health facility who is cared for by public health personnel in fulfillment of other official duties;

“secondary care” means care and treatment received at a public hospital;

“specific chronic diseases” means the diseases specified in Part I of the Sixth Schedule;

3. Fees payable by a patient for secondary care and materials specified in Column I of the First Schedule shall be as respectively specified in Column II of that Schedule.

First
Schedule.

4. Fees payable by all patients for primary care and materials specified in Column I of the Second Schedule shall be as respectively specified in Column II of that Schedule.

Second
Schedule.

5. Fees payable by a patient for laboratory tests specified in Column I of the Third Schedule shall be as respectively specified in Column II of that Schedule.

Third
Schedule.

6. A person described in the Fourth Schedule shall be exempt from the payment of fees in respect of the services and materials set out in the First, Second and Third Schedules.

Fourth
Schedule.

7. The fees payable by private patients sixty years and over who are registered with the Jamaica Drugs for the Elderly Programme to purchase pharmaceuticals are set out in the Fifth Schedule.

Fifth
Schedule.

THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES (FEES) REGULATIONS, 1999

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Regulation 3)

PART I. Fees payable for Secondary Care by Patients
Resident in Jamaica

<u>COLUMN I</u>		<u>COLUMN II</u>	
Services/Materials		Fee	
		<i>Public Patients</i>	<i>Private Patients/ Patients Covered Under Health Insurance</i>
1.	<i>Registration</i>		
	General Medical	No Charge	\$1,500.00 Visit – Casualty Outpatient
	Specialty Clinics	No Charge	\$3,500.00
2.	<i>General Admission (including room and board and routine medical care in maternity case)</i>	No Charge	As specified in Part III with deposit of \$8,000.00 payable in advance
3.	<i>Operations</i>		
	Appliances	No Charge	Actual cost
	Major	No Charge	\$18,000—\$24,000.00 depending on type of surgery. A deposit of \$8,000.00 for elective surgery is required
	Minor	No Charge	\$400.00—\$16,800.00 depending on the type of surgery. A deposit of 50% of estimated cost is required.
	Tubal Ligation	No charge	No charge
	Day Surgery	No Charge	\$5,600.00
	Laser	No Charge	\$4,000.00
	Maternity Delivery Fee	No Charge	\$2,750.00

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Services/Materials	COLUMN II	
	<i>Public Patients</i>	<i>Private Patients/ Patients Covered Under Health Insurance</i>
4. <i>Pharmacy</i>		
Outpatient		
Cost per item	No Charge	Actual cost of item plus 20%
Cost for more than one item where the total is between \$400—\$1000	No Charge	Actual cost of item plus 20%
Cost for more than one item where the total is more than \$1000	No Charge	Actual cost of item plus 20%
In-patient	No Charge	To be assessed by hospital based on treatment received
Nebulization (Full course of treatment per visit)	No Charge	\$450.00
IV Fluids	No Charge	\$640.00 per bag
Injection (Depending on the cost of drugs, Pharmacist to advise)	No Charge	\$450.00—\$1,500.00
5. <i>Ambulance Service</i>	No Charge	\$2,000.00 within parish \$3000.00 within region and \$4000.00 outside region (one way)
6. <i>Morgue</i>	\$350.00 per day (\$350.00 per day to be applied only after the body is dealt with by a pathologist).	\$1,000.00 per day (\$600.00 per day to be applied only after the body is dealt with by a pathologist).

FIRST SCHEDULE, *contd.*

Services/Materials	COLUMN II	
	Public Patients	Private Patients/ Patients Covered Under Health Insurance
SPECIALIST AREAS		
7. <i>Radiotherapy</i>		
Palliative	No Charge	\$10,800.00
Radical	No Charge	\$29,000.00
8. <i>Chemotherapy</i>		
In-patient	No Charge	\$1,400.00 plus the cost of drugs
Out-patient	No Charge	the cost of drugs
9. <i>Physiotherapy</i>	No Charge	\$1,200.00 each for first six treatments
(for each course treatment)		\$1,000.00 each for subsequent treatments
10. <i>Appliances</i>	No Charge	Actual cost
(e.g., crutches, walking stick, neck collar, etc.)		
11. <i>Blood Products</i>	No Charge	As specified in the Third Schedule
(Blood Transfusion)		
12. <i>ECG</i>	No Charge	\$1,200.00
13. <i>EEG, EMR, Echo</i>	No Charge	\$1,700.00
14. <i>Ultra Sound</i>	No Charge	\$2,600.00
15. <i>Intensive Care Unit</i>	No Charge	\$5,000.00 per day.
16. <i>Radiology</i>	No Charge	\$800.00 for H.S.G—
(special procedures)		\$5,600.00 for venogram depending on type of service
Plain x-rays (Films)	No Charge	\$500.00 for foot \$13,000.00 for arteriogram depending on type of x-ray and part of body

FIRST SCHEDULE, *contd.*

<u>COLUMN I</u>	<u>COLUMN II</u>	
Services/Materials	Public Patients	Private Patients/ Patients Covered Under Health Insurance
Special Tests (Contrast x-rays Studies)	No Charge	\$1,300.00 for fistulogram \$2,400.00 for barium enema depending on type of test
Other Specialist Tests	No Charge	\$900.00—\$1,800.00
17. <i>Computed Tomography (CT) Scan</i>	No Charge	\$12,000.00-\$32,000.00
18. <i>Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)</i>	No Charge	\$32,000.00-\$80,000.00
19. <i>Renal Dialysis</i> <i>Peritoneal Haemodialysis</i>	No Charge	\$3,600.00-\$7,200.00
20. <i>Lab Tests</i> Blood Bank/ Immunology Blood Group and Group Test	As specified in the Third Schedule	As specified in the Third Schedule
21. <i>JDF (CASE VAC)</i>	JDF Rates	JDF Rates
22. <i>Other Out-Patient Services</i>	No Charge	\$450.00—\$6,450.00 depending on type of service including dressings, sutures, pop-body jackets, etc.
23. <i>Ophthalmology</i>	No Charge	\$28,000.00—\$36,000.00 depending on procedure
24. <i>Preparation of Medical Report</i>	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
25. <i>Executive Profile/ Comprehensive Medical Screen</i>	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00

FIRST SCHEDULE, *contd.*

<u>COLUMN I</u>		<u>COLUMN II</u>
Services/Materials		Fee
	<i>Public Patients</i>	<i>Private Patients/ Patients Covered Under Health Insurance</i>
26.	<i>Dental Services</i> No Charge	\$1,000.00 for visit \$60,000.00 for bone graft and guided tissue regeneration depending on nature of service
27.	<i>Gastroenterology</i> No Charge	\$3,500.00 for upper endoscopies \$10,000.00 for bronchoscopy (diagnostic)

PART II. *Fees Payable for Room and Board by Private Patients per Admission*

<u>COLUMN I</u>	<u>COLUMN II</u>
Categories of Accommodation	Fee
1. On open ward	\$4,000.00 deposit for the first three days and thereafter \$1,000.00 for each additional day.
2. In shared room	\$5,000.00 deposit for the first three days and thereafter \$1,200.00 for each additional day.
3. In single room	\$7,000.00 deposit for the first three days.
4. On public ward	thereafter \$2,000.00 for each additional day. \$3,000.00 deposit for the first three days thereafter \$1,000.00 for each addition day.

PART III. *Fees Payable for Secondary Care by Patients not Resident in Jamaica*

<u>COLUMN I</u>	<u>COLUMN II</u>
Services/Materials	Fee
	<i>Public Patients</i> <i>Private Patients/ Patients Covered Under Health Insurance</i>
1. All services and materials in this schedule	Actual cost Fees payable shall be those payable by a private patient resident in Jamaica

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Regulation 4)

PART I. Fees Payable for Primary Care Patients Resident in Jamaica

<u>COLUMN I</u>	<u>COLUMN II</u>
<u>Services/Materials</u>	<u>Fees</u>
1. Medical Examinations or Reports	Students up to age 23 years (on presentation of valid identification) \$200.00 plus registration. Adults \$400.00 plus registration.
P.P.D. test (medical examination for persons who wish to travel abroad)	Students up to age 23 years (on presentation of valid identification) \$300.00 Adults \$500.00
2. Immunization for International Travel	\$500-\$1500.00 (No charge in respect of international travel by persons on official business on behalf of the Government of Jamaica).
3. Full Medical Screen	\$1,000.00

PART II. Fees Payable for Primary Care Patients not Resident in Jamaica

<u>COLUMN I</u>	<u>COLUMN II</u>
<u>Services/Materials</u>	<u>Fees</u>
1. Registration (including doctor's visit and curative services) Immunization (EPI) Family Planning S.T.D. visits (including visits, drugs and lab tests at Community Health Centres only)	Adults \$100.00 Children \$50.00 \$20.00 \$300.00
2. <i>Pharmaceutical Services</i>	For non-NHF drugs \$75.00 per item For NHF drugs \$40.00 per item
3. <i>Maternal and Child Health</i>	
Papanicolaou (pap smear)	\$250.00
Contraceptive Pills	
Lofeminal	\$20.00 per packet of 3
Ovral	\$20.00 per packet of 3
Condoms	\$20.00 per strip
Insertion Inter-Uterine Device	\$300.00
Depo-provera injection	\$80.00 plus registration

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Regulation 4)

PART II. Fees Payable for Primary Care Patients not Resident in Jamaica

<u>COLUMN I</u>	<u>COLUMN II</u>
<u>Services/Materials</u>	<u>Fees</u>
Norplant	\$2,500 per implant
Fitting & Diaphragm	\$100.00
Sterilization (Tubal Ligation)	No charge
Pregnancy Test	\$250.00
Ambulance Services	As specified in the First Schedule
Community-based delivery, including delivery and postnatal visits	\$500.00
4. <i>Medical Examinations and Related Reports</i>	Students up to age 23 years (on presentation of valid identification) \$200.00 plus registration. Adults \$400.00 plus registration
P.P.D. test (medical for persons who wish to travel abroad)	Students up to age 23 years (on presentation of valid identification) \$300.00 Adults \$500.00
5. Doctor's Visit	\$500.00
6. Replacement of appointment Cards and dental consent forms (excluding immunization)	\$50.00
7. Immunization for International Travel	\$500.00-\$1,500.00 (No charge in respect of international travel by persons on official business on behalf of the Government of Jamaica).
8. Full Medical Screen	\$1,000.00
9. Laboratory strip test (blood, urine)	\$50.00
10. Dental Services	As specified in the First Schedule

THIRD SCHEDULE

(Regulation 5)

Fees for Laboratory Tests

COLUMN I Services/Materials	COLUMN II	
	Public Patients	Fee Private Patients/ Health Insurance
1. <i>Chemistry</i>		
Acid Phosphate	No Charge	\$240.00
Acid Phase	No Charge	\$240.00
Albumin/Globulin	No Charge	\$240.00
Alkaline Phosphatase	No Charge	\$240.00
Amylase	No Charge	\$240.00
Bilirubin Total and Direct	No Charge	\$240.00
Calcium	No Charge	\$240.00
Cerebra Spinal Fluid (CSF)Protein	No Charge	\$300.00
Glucose	No Charge	\$300.00
Cholesterol—Total & High Density Lipoprotein (HDL)	No Charge	\$300.00
Cholesterol—Total	No Charge	\$240.00
Creatinine Phosphokinase (CPK)	No Charge	\$240.00
Creatinine, Serum	No Charge	\$240.00
Creatinine, Urine	No Charge	\$240.00
Creatinine, Clearance	No Charge	\$300.00
Electrolytes -Na, K, C _l ,CC	No Charge	\$400.00
2. <i>Glucose – Blood/CSF</i>		
Fasting	No Charge	\$200.00
2hrpp	No Charge	\$200.00
Random	No Charge	\$200.00
Glucose Tolerance Test (5 hrs)	No Charge	\$1,100.00
Glycosylated Haemoglobin (Ghb)	No Charge	\$1,400.00

THIRD SCHEDULE, *contd.**Fees for Laboratory Tests*

COLUMN I Services/Materials	COLUMN II	
	Public Patients	Fee Private Patients/ Health Insurance
Gamma Glutamyl Transferase (GGT)	No Charge	\$240.00
Human Chorionic Gonotrophin (HCG) Urine Qualitative	No Charge	\$550.00
Lactic dehydrogenase (LDI) and Hydroxybutyric Acid Dehydrogenase (HBDH)	No Charge	\$260.00
Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) (Total)	No Charge	\$260.00
Liver Function Test (LFT) Total Protein, Albumin/ Globulin, Alkaline Pase, Bilirubin, GGT, AST, ALT	No Charge	\$700.00
Where Lactate Dehydrogenase (LDH) is included	No Charge	\$900.00
Potassium only (see electrolytes)	No Charge	\$240.00
Pregnancy	No Charge	\$550.00
Salicylate	No Charge	\$300.00
Aspartate Aminotransferase (AST/SGOT)	No Charge	\$272.00
Alanine Aminitransferase (AST/SGOT)	No Charge	\$240.00
Sodium only (Serum) (see electrolytes)	No Charge	\$240.00
Sodium only (Urine)	No Charge	\$240.00
Triglycerides	No Charge	\$240.00
Urea (BUN)	No Charge	\$240.00

THIRD SCHEDULE, *contd.**Fees for Laboratory Tests*

COLUMN I Services/Materials	COLUMN II Fee	
	<i>Public Patients</i>	<i>Private Patients/ Health Insurance</i>
Uric Acid	No Charge	\$240.00
Urine Analysis	No Charge	\$240.00
Urobilinogen	No Charge	\$240.00
3. <i>Special Groups</i>		
Cardiac Profile Enzymes CPK, LD1, AST, LDH	No Charge	\$700.00
Glucose Tolerance Test (3hr)	No Charge	\$700.00
Liver Function Test (See above)	No Charge	\$700.00
Liver Function Test including Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) (see above)	No Charge	\$1,400.00
4. <i>Renal Function</i>		
For any single test or combination of tests below:		
Urea		
Electrolytes		
Creatinine	No Charge	\$920.00
Proteins, Alb/Glob		
Urinalysis		
5. <i>Public Health Tests</i>		
Contacts of index cases of infections with public health significance- such as tuberculosis, salmonella typhi and meningococcal meningitis	No Charge	No Charge

THIRD SCHEDULE, *contd.**Fees for Laboratory Tests*

COLUMN I Services/Materials	COLUMN II Fee	
	Public Patients	Private Patients/ Health Insurance
6. <i>Endocrinology</i>		
Leutinizing Hormone (LH)	No Charge	Fees set by Laboratory
Follicle Stimulating Hormone (FSH)		
Prolactin		
T ₃		
T ₄		
T ₃ U		
Thyroid Stimulation Hormone (TSH)		
Free T ₄		
7. <i>Microbiology</i>		
Acid Fast bacilli	No Charge	\$550.00
Anti Streptolysin O Titre (ASTO)	No Charge	\$240.00
C Reactive Protein	No Charge	\$240.00
8. <i>Culture</i>		
Blood	No Charge	\$550.00
Cerebro Spinal Fluid (CSF)	No Charge	\$550.00
Swabs	No Charge	\$550.00
Urine	No Charge	\$550.00
Urine culture and analysis	No Charge	\$900.00
Sputum	No Charge	\$900.00
Clot Culture	No Charge	\$900.00
Other	No Charge	\$900.00
Faeces Parasitology	No Charge	\$240.00
Gram Stain	No Charge	\$240.00
Latex Fixation Test (RA)	No Charge	\$240.00
Micro Haem Agglutination— Treponema Palidum (MHA—TP)	No Charge	\$360.00

THIRD SCHEDULE, *contd.**Fees for Laboratory Tests*

COLUMN I Services/Materials	COLUMN II Fee	
	Public Patients	Private Patients/ Health Insurance
9. <i>Venereal Disease Research Laboratory (VDRL)</i>		
Serum	No Charge	\$240.00
Cerebral Spinal Fluid	No Charge	\$240.00
Malaria parasites	No Charge	\$200.00
Analysis (a) Water (b) Food (c) Dairy Products	No Charge	Fees set by Laboratory
Tests required by the Ministry of Health —	No Charge	No Charge
Tests required by public sector enterprises —	Fees set by Laboratory	Fees set by Laboratory
10. <i>Haematology</i>		
ANC, Rubella + HIV	No Charge	\$1,000.00
Antenatal	No Charge	\$600.00
Antenatal + HIV	No Charge	\$600.00
Bg #	No Charge	\$2,000.00
Cerebro Spinal Fluid (CSF)— cell count and differential	No Charge	\$256.00
Complete Blood Count (CBC) Haemoglobin, White Blood Cell Differential, Packed Cell Volume	No Charge	\$360.00
Coombs Test		
Direct	No Charge	\$300.00
Indirect	No Charge	\$360.00
Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate (ESR)	No Charge	\$2,000.00
Fibrinogen	No Charge	\$300.00
Fibrin Degradation	No Charge	\$300.00
Film Appearance	No Charge	\$240.00 for PCV tests— \$600.00 for Macrocytes test (depending on type of test)

THIRD SCHEDULE, *contd.**Fees for Laboratory Tests*

COLUMN I Services/Materials	COLUMN II Fee	
	Public Patients	Private Patients/ Health Insurance
Group	No Charge	\$140.00
Group & Rhesus Factor (Rh)	No Charge	\$240.00
Haemoglobin Electrophoresis	No Charge	\$360.00
Haemoglobin & Packed Cell Volume (PCV)	No Charge	\$200.00
Immunology Form	No Charge	\$600.00
Inf. Mononucleosis (Monotest)	No Charge	\$300.00
Lupus Erythematosus (LE Cells)	No Charge	\$240.00
Macrocytes	No Charge	\$600.00
Prothrombin Time/Partial Thromplastin Time (PT/PTT)	No Charge	\$322.00
Prothrombin Time (PT)	No Charge	\$240.00
Partial Thromplastin Time (PTT)	No Charge	\$240.00
Platelet count	No Charge	\$240.00
Reticulytes	No Charge	\$140.00
Sedimentary Rate	No Charge	\$100.00
Sickle	No Charge	\$140.00
Sickle cell test	No Charge	\$240.00
White Blood Cells (WBC)	No Charge	\$240.00
White Blood Cells (WBC) and Differential	No Charge	\$240.00
11. <i>Special Group-Haematology (Basic)</i>		
CBC, ESR (see above)	No Charge	\$550.00
CBC & Platelets	No Charge	\$550.00
CBC, ESR & Platelets	No Charge	\$700.00
Bleeding Indices		
PT, PTT, Bleeding Time Platelets	No Charge	\$550.00

THIRD SCHEDULE, *contd.**Fees for Laboratory Tests*

COLUMN I Services/Materials	COLUMN II Fee	
	Public Patients	Private Patients/ Health Insurance
Bone Marrow	No Charge	\$1,100.00
Ante Natal I (Haemoglobin, Sickle Group and Rhesus, VDRL)	No Charge	\$900.00
Ante Natal II (Haemoglobin, Sickle Group and Rhesus, VDRL, HIV)	No Charge	\$1,200.00
12. <i>HB Electrophoresis</i>		
Crossmatch	No Charge	\$2,000.00
IDCT	No Charge	\$200.00
DCT	No Charge	\$160.00
TPRA	No Charge	\$300.00
VDRL	No Charge	\$200.00
OTP	No Charge	\$200.00
VDRL	No Charge	\$200.00
OTP	No Charge	\$200.00
13. <i>Miscellaneous</i>		
Cytology	} No Charge	\$550.00
Gynae cytology		
Sputum		
Fluid	No Charge	\$550.00
Aspirates (needle)		
14. <i>Histology</i>		
1 Specimen (small)	No Charge	Fees set by Laboratory
1 Specimen (large) whole organ resection	No Charge	Fees set by Laboratory

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THIRD SCHEDULE, *contd.**Fees for Laboratory Tests*

COLUMN I Services/Materials	COLUMN II Fee	
	<i>Public Patients</i>	<i>Private Patients/ Health Insurance</i>
Anti-Nuclear Antibody	No Charge	\$550.00
DNA	No Charge	\$550.00
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Screening	No Charge	\$360.00
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Western Blot	No Charge	\$2,730.00
Human T Lymphotropic Virus (HTLV) I Screening	No Charge	\$550.00
Human T Lymphotropic Virus (HTLV) I Western		
Hepatitis BsAg	No Charge	\$360.00
Hepatitis BsAb	No Charge	\$360.00
Hepatitis A	No Charge	\$700.00
Hepatitis BcAb	No Charge	\$700.00
Hepatitis C	No Charge	\$700.00
Complement, C ₃ , C ₄ , CH ₅₀	No Charge	\$700.00 each
Immunoglobulin levels	No Charge	\$1,102.00
TORCH single panel	No Charge	\$1,440.00
Cytomegalovirus (CMV) single specimen	No Charge	\$400.00
Toxoplasma, single specimen	No Charge	\$300.00
EBR (Epstein Barr Virus)	No Charge	\$700.00
Pemphigus	No Charge	\$700.00
Pemphigoid	No charge	\$700.00
Thyroid AB.	No charge	\$700.00
Measles	No charge	No charge
Cyclosporin	No charge	No charge
Cellular Immunology	No charge	Fees set by Laboratory
CD ₄ , CD ₈	No charge	Fees set by Laboratory

THIRD SCHEDULE, *contd.**Fees for Laboratory Tests*

COLUMN I Services/Materials	COLUMN II Fee	
	<i>Public Patients</i>	<i>Private Patients/ Health Insurance</i>
Immunodeficiency Screen	No charge	Fees set by Laboratory
NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICES		
16. <i>Consultation fee for Blood and Blood Products</i>	No charge	\$300.00
17. <i>Laboratory Tests</i>		
Paternity Testing	\$1,100.00	\$2,200.00
Genotyping	No charge	\$2,200.00
ABO &RH Typing	No charge	\$360.00
Direct Coombs test	No charge	\$360.00
Antibody Screen	No charge	\$550.00
Antibody Identification	No charge	\$1,440.00
Antibody Titration	No charge	\$1,640.00
Investigation of Haemolytic Disease of the newborn	No charge	\$900.00
Hepatitis BsAg	No charge	\$900.00
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)	No charge	\$900.00
Human T Lymphotropic Virus (HTLV-1)	No charge	\$900.00
Lupus Anticoagulant	No charge	\$900.00
18. Blood Products		
Plasma—Fresh Frozen	} No charge	\$1,100.00
Plasma (F.F.P)		
Platelets		
Leucocytes		
Cryoprecipitate		
19. Cross Match		
Whole Blood and Packed Red Cells	No charge	\$3,600.00

FOURTH SCHEDULE

(Regulation 6)

Persons exempt from paying fees for services and materials specified in these Regulations

1. Immunization Clinic Clients (excluding international immunizations).
2. Ante Natal Clinic Clients.
3. Post Natal and Nutrition Clinic Clients.
4. Child Health Clinic Clients.
5. Police on duty with proper identification.
6. Ex-Service men (Veterans of the wars).
7. Firemen on duty with proper identification.
8. Prisoners and other persons incarcerated in prisons, lock-ups and other correctional centres.
9. Infirmary residents.
10. Places of Safety residents.
11. Primary School children, in uniform, accompanied by a teacher.
12. Persons registered under the Programme of Advancement Through Health and Education.
13. Every child under eighteen years of age.

FIFTH SCHEDULE

(Regulation 7)

Fees Payable under the Jamaica Drugs for the Elderly Programme in respect of Items per Prescription

<u>Number of Items</u>	<u>Fees</u>
1	\$40.00
2	\$80.00
3	\$120.00
4	\$160.00
5	\$200.00
6 or more	\$240.00

SIXTH SCHEDULE

(Regulation 2)

PART I

*Specified Chronic Diseases covered by the Jamaica Drugs
for the Elderly Programme*

Arthritis
Asthma
Cardiac Disease
Diabetes
Glaucoma
Hypertension

PART II

Chronic Diseases covered by the National Health Fund

Arthritis
Asthma
Cancer of the Breast
Cancer of the Prostate
Diabetes
Epilepsy
Glaucoma
High Cholesterol
Hypertension
Ischaemic Heart Disease
Major Depression
Psychosis
Rheumatic Fever Heart Disease
Vascular Disease