

Scale of Fees for Hospital and Other Health Services

Summary This Information Bulletin provides an update on the fees to be charged by NSW Health organisations for hospital accommodation and other health services, effective 1 August 2026.

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Purpose

This Information Bulletin provides an update to the fees charged by NSW Health organisations for hospital accommodation and other health services. The advised changes are effective from 1 August 2026.

This Information Bulletin is to be read in conjunction with the NSW Health Policy Directives:

- *Charging Arrangements for Hospital and Other Health Services* ([PD2022_024](#)), and
- *Medicare Ineligible (Overseas) Patients Classification and Charging* ([PD2026_034](#)).

Key Information

Fees for private patients

Overnight stay

Room Rates	\$ per day
Shared Room	\$467
Single Room	\$928

Fees for private patients' same day

Day Only Bandings	\$ per day
Band 1	\$339
Band 2	\$377
Band 3	\$416
Band 4	\$467

Fees for ineligible patients

Work and Student Visa holders with Visa Condition 8501 – All hospitals

Hospital Classification	Patient Classification	\$ per day
Public Hospitals	Inpatient Critical Care	4,900
	Inpatient – other than Critical Care	1,950

Other Ineligible patients (excluding 8501 visa holders) – All hospitals

Hospital Classification	Patient Classification	\$ per day
Public Hospitals	Inpatient Critical Care	7,200
	Inpatient – other than Critical Care	2,950

Sub-acute and non-acute admitted patient services – All hospitals

Hospital Classification	Patient Classification	\$ per day
Public Hospitals	Inpatient	1,706
Public Psychiatric Hospitals	Inpatient	900
Other (such as Residential Aged Care Facilities)	Inpatient	700

All other ineligible patient fees

Other ineligible fees

Hospital Classification	\$ per day
Public Hospital – Dialysis Charges	1,100
Public Hospital – Hospital in the Home	700

Non-inpatient ineligible fees – All hospitals

Patient Classification	\$ per day
Non-Inpatient – Medical	450
Non-Inpatient – Nursing / Allied Health	350
Non-Inpatient – Procedures	550
Non-Inpatient – Public Hospitals (Other)	200
Non-Inpatient – Public Psychiatric Hospital	126
Non-Inpatient – Other (such as Residential Aged Care Facilities)	126

Emergency Department – Bundled Fee

Hospital Classification	\$ per day
Category 1 – Resus	980
Category 2 – Emergency	980
Category 3 – Urgent	900
Category 4 – Semi Urgent	730
Category 5 – Non-Urgent	730

The gazetted bundled fee for emergency department patients is considered inclusive of all services provided (such as consultations, diagnostic tests, prostheses, pharmaceuticals, aids and equipment).

Patients admitted to a public hospital under the Status Resolution Support Service (SRSS) or Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC)

SRSS/ ROMAC Charges	\$ per day
Shared Room	824
Single Room	1,236
One Day Admission (Bands 1, 2, 3 or 4)	691
Critical Care	2,532

Fees for Compensable Patients

Acute admitted and emergency non-admitted patient services

This includes all hospitals, excluding emergency departments of small rural hospitals not collecting, or required to collect, patient level data.

Acute admitted patient services is calculated using the Australian Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (AR-DRG) grouping aligned to the National Weighted Activity Unit (NWAU (26)) with adjustments applied in accordance with the Independent Hospital and Aged Care Pricing Authority (IHACPA) publication [National Efficient Price \(NEP\) Determination 2026-27](#).

The NWAU (26) for acute admitted patients is adjusted to reflect that Visiting Medical Officers (VMOs) and Staff Specialists bill separately for compensable admitted patients. The removal of assessed VMO and Staff Specialist costs reduces each NWAU by 11%, creating an adjusted NWAU for the purposes of charging this category of compensable patients.

For emergency non-admitted presentations, NWAU is calculated using the Australian Emergency Care Classification (AECC) with adjustments applied as applicable in accordance with the IHACPA publication *National Efficient Price Determination 2026-27*. The NWAU is rounded to the nearest 3 decimal places and multiplied by the NEP \$7,418 as determined by the IHACPA.

Emergency department of small rural hospitals not collecting nor required to collect patient level data

Per Occasion of Service	\$163
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Sub-acute and non-acute admitted patient services

Hospital Classification	Patient Classification	\$ per day
Public Hospitals	Inpatient	1,531
Public Psychiatric Hospitals	Inpatient	643
Other (such as Residential Aged Care Facilities)	Inpatient	360

Non-inpatient services

Hospital Classification	Patient Classification	\$ charge
Public Hospitals	Non-Inpatient	163
Public Psychiatric Hospitals	Non-Inpatient	114
Other (such as Residential Aged Care Facilities)	Non-Inpatient	114

Compensable – dialysis (per non-admitted session)

	\$ per day
Dialysis Charges	865

The amounts shown are the rates of charge for each occasion of service (excluding physiotherapy, chiropractic & osteopathy services, psychology & counselling services and exercise physiology services) as appropriate to the hospital classification **or** the maximum amount payable under the relevant WorkCover practitioner fees order.

Compensable non-admitted services (set by SIRA)

The fees and rates orders, which generally link to Australian Medical Association (AMA) rates, cover medical practitioners, surgeons and orthopaedic surgeons. Current health-related fees are set by the NSW State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) and are available on the SIRA website, [Fees paid for workers compensation health services](#). Relevant resources are linked below.

Non-admitted exercise physiology service charges

[Accredited exercise physiology fees and practice requirements](#) (effective 1 February 2026).

Non-admitted counselling service charges

[Psychology and counselling fees and practice requirements](#) (effective 1 February 2026).

Non-admitted physiotherapy, chiropractic and osteopathy services

[Physiotherapy, chiropractic and osteopathy fees and practice requirements](#) (effective 1 February 2026).

Accommodation and meals charges for parents, relatives or friends of patients

Accommodation only (excluding meals)	\$ per night
Maximum charge where accommodation is provided in a self-contained unit (including own kitchen and bathroom facilities)	\$62
Maximum charge per person for accommodation other than self-contained accommodation	\$31
Meals	\$ per meal
Maximum per meal per person and no greater than rates applicable to hospital employees	\$10