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**HOSPITAL REGULATIONS, 2014**  
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**VIRGIN ISLANDS**

**STATUTORY INSTRUMENT 2014 NO. 52**

**BVI HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY ACT, 2004  
(No. 14 of 2004)**

**Hospital Regulations, 2014**

[Gazetted 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2014]

The Minister, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 32 of the BVI Health Services Authority Act, 2004 (No. 14 of 2004), and with the advice of the Board, makes these Regulations.

Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Hospital Regulations, 2014.

Interpretation.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires

No. 14 of  
2004

“Act” means the BVI Health Services Authority Act, 2004;

“admitted” means received and lodged in a hospital but does not include registered as an out-patient;

“Authority” means the BVI Health Services Authority established under section 5(1) of the Act;

"dependent child", in relation to a Belonger or resident, means an unmarried person who is the biological son or daughter of the Belonger or resident or, is treated as a child of the family, and

(a) has not attained the age of eighteen years; or

(b) has attained the age of eighteen years but has not attained the age of twenty-five years and is receiving full-time education at a university or other educational institution.

“Hospital” means the several buildings erected in Road Town, Tortola now generally known as “the Peebles Hospital” together with all ways, paths, walls, drains, buildings, erections, rights, easements and appurtenances thereto;

“indigent person” means a person whose income is, in the opinion of the Chief Social Development Officer, insufficient for the subsistence of himself or herself or his or her family;

“resident” means a person who is ordinarily resident in the Virgin Islands for ten years or more.

**3.** The Authority shall maintain reporting requirements or inspections as laid out in the Service Level Agreements between the Authority and the Ministry of Health and Social Development.

Payment of hospital fees in certain cases.

**4.** (1) The agency in each case indicated in Column 3 of the table to this regulation is liable for the hospital charges payable under these Regulations in respect of the persons indicated in Column 1 of the said table based on the criteria indicated in Column 2 of the said table.

Category	Criteria	Responsible Agency
Persons 65 years or older	No private insurance Belongers or Residents	Ministry of Health and Social Development
Indigent persons	Belonger or Residents	Ministry of Health and Social Development
Wards of the State(not being prisoners)	Assisted living	Ministry of Health and Social Development
Persons qualifying under the UK/BVI Reciprocal Health Agreement signed 31 <sup>st</sup> July, 1989	By virtue of the Agreement	Ministry of Health and Social Development
Prisoners	Incarceration	Ministry of Education and Culture.
Dependent children	No private insurance	Ministry of Health and Social Development

(2) In any case where an insured person receives treatment at the Hospital or a Clinic, the insurance company shall be responsible for settling the insured portion account of that person with the Authority in accordance with the policy of that person with the insurance company and, the Government of the Virgin Islands may then settle any outstanding uninsured portion for a Belongers or resident who is 65 year or older or a dependent child.

**5.** (1) The hospital charges shall be at the rates set out in the Schedule.

Hospital charges.

(2) The rates set out in Column 1 of the Schedule apply to Belongers and residents whilst the rates set out in Column 2 of the Schedule apply to non-residents.

**6.** (1) Subject to subregulation (2), a deposit of

Deposit.

(a) the cost of estimated length of stay; or

(b) two days' hospital charges,

shall be made on admission of each patient.

Reporting requirements.

(2) The Chief Executive Officer may, in accordance with a direction of the Board exempting the payment of a deposit in emergency cases, exempt a patient from the payment of a deposit in those cases in accordance with such directions.

- Account to be rendered. **7.** The Chief Executive Officer shall cause a statement of hospital charges to be given to each person receiving treatment at the hospital upon discharge from the hospital or upon receipt of the treatment and the fees shall be payable either upon presentation of the statement or at a later time with the approval of the Board.
- Visiting hours. **8.** (1) Visiting hours shall be from 11:00AM to 8:00PM daily and patients shall be allowed two visitors at a time and visitors may be restricted from visitation based on the condition a patient.
- (2) Visitors shall not bring drinks; medicinal or alternative items of food into the hospital without the expressed approval of the Nutritionist or attending physician and the sanction of the nurse in charge of the ward.
- Pastoral care. **9.** Upon request made by a patient, the Chief Executive Officer shall make arrangements or cause arrangements to be made outside of normal visiting hours for the pastoral care of that patient by clergyman or clergywoman of the patient's choice.
- Bylaws and code of conduct. **10.** (1) The Authority shall establish Medical and Allied Staff Bylaws to govern the definition, practice, and regulation of its Medical and Allied Staff, a copy of which shall be lodged with Ministry of Health and Social Development.
- (2) The Authority shall have Bylaws which govern the definition, practice, and regulation of its Nurses, Assistant Nurses and Midwives, a copy of which shall be lodged with the Ministry of Health and Social Development.
- (3) The Authority shall have a code of conduct which governs the behavior of all its staff; a copy which shall be lodged with the Ministry of Health.
- Admission, treatment, and discharge of patients. **11.** (1) Patients shall be admitted, treated and discharged on the authority of a physician as prescribed in the Medical and Allied Staff Bylaws.
- (2) The Emergency Room shall remain open continuously for the treatment of patients requiring emergency treatment.
- Pharmacy. **12.** (1) The senior pharmacist shall be responsible for and have full charge of hospital drugs.
- (2) The hospital pharmacy shall remain open every day from Monday to Friday between the hours of 8.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. and, every Saturday and public holidays between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.
- Revocation. S.R.O. 6/1927 **13.** The Hospital Regulations, 1927 are revoked.

## SCHEDULE

### Hospital Fees and Charges

[Regulation 5]

Type of Service	Residents	Non-Residents/Visitors
<b>Ambulance Service</b>		
(Fish Bay to Sea Cow's Bay)	\$125.00	\$130.00
Places other than Road Town area	\$125.00	\$130.00
Ambulance Run + Consumables	\$185.00	\$195.00
Airport run	\$315.00	\$325.00
Cancelled Run/Refusal of Services	\$125.00	\$130.00
Dead on Arrival	\$125.00	\$130.00
Waiting for Patients every ½ hr	\$65.00	\$65.00
Special Events per hr	\$200.00	\$200.00
<b>Accommodations in Wards</b>		
<b>General Ward</b>		
Room Only	\$110.00	\$555.00
Package – (Accommodation, Doctor, Nurses, etc.)		
<b>Semi-Private Ward</b>		
Room Only	\$225.00	\$1,170.00
Package – (Accommodation, Doctor, Nurses, etc.)		
<b>Private Ward</b>		
Room Only	\$265.00	\$1,365.00
Package – (Accommodation, Doctor, Nurses, etc.)		
<b>Surgery</b>		
Per hour (Room Only)	\$900.00	\$4,680.00
Major Surgery – First 30 minutes		
Package – (2) Nurses		
(1) Anesthesiologists		
(2) Doctors, Anesthetic Machine, etc.		
<b>Casualty Department</b>		
(Room Only)	\$125.00	\$150.00
<b>Obstetrics</b>		
Room Only		
Package – (Accommodation, Doctors, Nurses, etc)	\$1,000.00	\$5,200.00

<b>Dispensary Fees</b>		
Dispensary Fee (per prescription)	\$2.00	\$2.50
Drugs	At Cost	At Cost
<b>Outpatient Service</b>		
General Outpatient Clinic	\$95.00	\$100.00
Specialist Outpatient Clinic	\$150.00	\$175.00
District Clinic	\$50.00	\$110.00
<b>X-Rays</b>		
	At Cost	At Cost
<b>Laboratory Fees</b>		
	At Cost	At Cost
<b>Mortuary</b>		
Storage of Cadavers per diem	\$65.00	\$70.00

Made by the Minister this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

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Minister for Health and Social Development.