

HOSPITAL FEES ACT, 1971 (ACT 387)

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THE THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVENTH ACT

OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA ENTITLED

THE HOSPITAL FEES ACT, 1971

AN ACT to regulate the fees payable in respect of hospital services, and for matters connected therewith.

DATE OF ASSENT: 6th October, 1971

BE IT ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly in this present Parliament assembled as follows—

Section 1—Hospital Fees.

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, any person who receives services at a hospital shall pay for those services the prescribed basic fees.

(2) Except as provided by this Act and regulations made thereunder, no person shall be liable to pay any fees in respect of services rendered to him in a hospital.

Section 2—General Exemptions from Hospital Fees.

No fees shall be paid in respect of services rendered in a hospital to—

- (a) any person certified in writing by a medical officer to be unable to pay those fees on the ground of poverty;
- (b) any person suffering from such disease or condition as may be prescribed;
- (c) any pupil or student receiving full-time education in a recognised institution;
- (d) any prescribed class of persons working or studying within the Health Service;
- (e) any person requested by the medical officer concerned to attend or come to a hospital for admission for the purpose of teaching;
- (f) any person for the time being in lawful custody;
- (g) any certified psychiatric patient;
- (h) any other prescribed class of persons.

Section 3—Exemptions for Particular Services.

(1) No fees shall be paid in respect of any medical examination or report required by any department of state, or in connection with the official duties of any employee of a department of state, or in connection with the entry of any person into a department of state or his departure therefrom.

(2) No fees shall be paid by any person receiving medical attention in a hospital in respect of any medical report relating to him.