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Order Fixing a Scale of Fees in Respect of Non Emergency Patient Transport (NEPT) Services

PURSUANT to section 69 of the Health Services Act 1997, I, Dr MARY FOLEY, Secretary of the Ministry of Health, as the duly appointed delegate of the Minister for Health, do by this order hereby fix a scale of fees in respect of non-emergency patient transport services provided by any public health organisation to the extent and in the manner set forth in the following Schedule.

The purpose of this order is to apply the same charges when LHD or Speciality Network patient transport vehicles are used for non-emergency patient transport as are currently applied when Ambulance Service NSW Green Fleet vehicles are used for non-emergency patient transport pursuant to a scale of fees order under section 67D of the Health Services Act 1997 as in place from time to time.

This order has effect on and from date of signature.

Dr MARY FOLEY,
Secretary,
Ministry of Health

SCHEDULE

1. In this order:
 “**Non-emergency patient transport**” means road transport to or from a health facility such as admission to hospital from home, discharge from hospital to home, transport between hospitals and diagnostic facilities and transport to and from nursing homes. Non-emergency patient transport must be requested by clinician.
2. **Fees**
 The fee for **non-emergency patient transport** by road shall be charged in accordance with the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) determination as in force from time to time.
 As such, NEPT will be charged on a kilometre basis calculated on the scale of \$275 flag fall charge, plus an additional charge of \$1.70 for each kilometre or part thereof.
3. **Calculation of Transport Kilometres**
 The total number of kilometres for the provision of services by non-emergency patient transport shall be calculated by determining the total number of kilometres that are travelled by road in accordance with the distance from patient pick up location, to the place where that person disembarked from the non-emergency patient transport vehicle (or, where more than one non-emergency patient transport vehicle was used in the transport, disembarked from the last vehicle used in that transport).

4. Charging criteria

- a. Where two or more persons are transported concurrently by the same non-emergency patient transport vehicle, each person shall be charged a fee calculated in accordance with clause 2.
- b. Residents of NSW shall be charged for non-emergency patient transport services in accordance with clause 2 and 3, provided that such total fee shall not exceed \$5,716.
- c. Public hospitals in NSW shall be charged for inter-hospital non-emergency services in accordance with clause 2, provided that such total fee shall not exceed \$5,522.
- d. Rates to be charged by all NEPT fleet providers will be a fixed charge based on the current Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) determination.

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