

## Health and Community Services Private Patient Tariff Uplift 2023

### Introduction

The HCS Private Patient Tariff relates to charges for the use of HCS services by privately insured or self-funding patients. This decision seeks approval from the Minister for Health and Social Services (“the Minister”) to approve the recommendation uplifting the private patient tariff by 6.0% from 1 September 2023.

### Issue

The HCS Private Patient Tariff is a single tariff that applies to all private patients, both those with medical insurance and self-funders. The tariff has not been uplifted for inflation for two financial years, largely as a result of the impact of Covid-19 on workflow.

A detailed costing review was last carried out in 2021 and no inflation increase was implemented in 2022. The tariff is also subject to Treasury rules relating to the twin expectations that HCS private patient services will simultaneously:

1. Fully cover costs; and
2. Not make a surplus.

The States Assembly in adopting the Anti-Inflation Strategy ([P.125/2000](#)) agreed that increases in States charges should be limited to a maximum of 2.5% a year, with any exceptions, in extremely compelling cases only, to be subject to prior approval by the Finance and Economics Committee (now the Minister for Treasury and Resources).

Under Delegation 2.1, authority for agreeing non-contentious charge increases above 2.5% may be delegated to the Treasurer of the States, or in their absence, another person as nominated by the Treasurer. The Treasurer of the States is able to give “blanket” approval to groups of charges in a particular year, or a single charge over a period of a number of years.

The proposal is to apply 6% in 2023 (to allow for 2.5% a year, compounded for two years, plus an adjustment to allow for the underlying higher rate of medical inflation).

### Recommendation

The Minister is recommended to accept a 6.0% increase in the Private Patient Tariff, as shown on the HCS schedule of Private Patient Tariffs for 2023, relating to the Private Patient services and to take effect from 1 September 2023. The increase will be subject to approval by the Minister for Treasury and Resources or his delegate; and

1. To request the Treasurer of the States to approve the increase in tariffs as set out in the accompanying schedule.
2. On receipt of Treasury & Exchequer approval, to advise stakeholders that new tariffs will take effect from 1 September 2023.

### Resource Implications

Financial systems to be updated with new tariffs to take effect from 1 September 2023.

Communication with stakeholders to give notice of the new tariffs taking effect.

**Schedule of Tariffs**

Income Stream	Tariff 6% increase Full year 2024 Impact	2023 Estimated impact for 4 months (September to December @ 6%
100864 Priv Pat Accommodation	-53,550	-17,577
100219 HCS- Main Theatre Charges	-196,612	-62,763
100800 HCS-DSU Income	-69,790	-24,654
100185 HCS-Eye Department	-1,405	-458
100390 Dermatology	-274	-91
100463 HCS-Orthopaedic Practitioners	-744	-232
100527 HCS-Urology	-764	-255
100019 HCS-Urology Clinic	-129	-43
100555 HCS-Ent	-86	-29
100105 HCS-Intensive Care	-897	-299
100005 Pain Management	-1,229	-410
100558 SorelWard-PrivatePts	-3,528	-1,174
100036 Transfusion	-1,665	0
100037 Oncology	-131,715	-44,545
100081 Medical Day Care	-382	-127
100194 Gastroenterology	-46,786	-15,595
100279 Sexual Health & Com	-3,932	-1,311
100507 Outpats Transfusion	-454	-206
100624 General Medicine	-441	-147
100860 Renal Unit Nursing	-450	-225
101151 Clinical Investigati	-5,400	-2,330
101167 Clinical Haematology	-36,319	-12,106
<b>Total</b>	<b>-556,550</b>	<b>-184,578</b>