

Summary of key changes in calculation of Charges for In-Patient Services under the 2011 Regulations (with effect from 23 July 2011)

The Health (Charges for In-Patient Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 provide for significant restructuring of how charges are to be calculated with effect from Saturday 23 July 2011. **Charges are no longer calculated as the lesser of specified formulae. They are instead set out in new Schedules indicating bands of weekly income and corresponding charges to levy.** Weekly income should continue to be calculated, as previously, following individual financial assessment (see details below). The charge for that income band should then be read off the appropriate Schedule – Schedule 1 for Class 1, Schedule 2 for Class 2 – and applied to the patient in question.

Charges (in multiples of €5) for Class 1 and Class 2 patients are set out for each income band in the tables below. Nil charges apply to Class 1 patients whose incomes are under €38 and to Class 2 patients whose incomes are under €69. **The maximum charge for a Class 1 patient is now €175.00** (for those whose weekly income is calculated at €208 or higher). **The maximum Class 2 charge is €130.00** (for those whose weekly income is calculated at €194 or higher). Application of the new charging regime will result in every Class 1 patient retaining a minimum of between €33 and €37 of their weekly income for personal use. Every Class 2 patient will retain a minimum of between €64 and €68.

Class 1 – Weekly rate

Assessed weekly income	Charge
€208.00 or more	€175
€203.00 to €207.99	€170
€198.00 to €202.99	€165
€193.00 to €197.99	€160
€188.00 to €192.99	€155
€183.00 to €187.99	€150
€178.00 to €182.99	€145
€173.00 to €177.99	€140
€168.00 to €172.99	€135
€163.00 to €167.99	€130
€158.00 to €162.99	€125
€153.00 to €157.99	€120
€148.00 to €152.99	€115
€143.00 to €147.99	€110
€138.00 to €142.99	€105
€133.00 to €137.99	€100
€128.00 to €132.99	€95
€123.00 to €127.99	€90
€118.00 to €122.99	€85
€113.00 to €117.99	€80
€108.00 to €112.99	€75
€103.00 to €107.99	€70
€98.00 to €102.99	€65
€93.00 to €97.99	€60
€88.00 to €92.99	€55
€83.00 to €87.99	€50
€78.00 to €82.99	€45
€73.00 to €77.99	€40
€68.00 to €72.99	€35
€63.00 to €67.99	€30
€58.00 to €62.99	€25
€53.00 to €57.99	€20
€48.00 to €52.99	€15
€43.00 to €47.99	€10
€38.00 to €42.99	€5
€37.99 or less	Nil

Class 2 – Weekly rate

Assessed weekly income	Charge
€194.00 or more	€130
€189.00 to €193.99	€125
€184.00 to €188.99	€120
€179.00 to €183.99	€115
€174.00 to €178.99	€110
€169.00 to €173.99	€105
€164.00 to €168.99	€100
€159.00 to €163.99	€95
€154.00 to €158.99	€90
€149.00 to €153.99	€85
€144.00 to €148.99	€80
€139.00 to €143.99	€75
€134.00 to €138.99	€70
€129.00 to €133.99	€65
€124.00 to €128.99	€60
€119.00 to €123.99	€55
€114.00 to €118.99	€50
€109.00 to €113.99	€45
€104.00 to €108.99	€40
€99.00 to €103.99	€35
€94.00 to €98.99	€30
€89.00 to €93.99	€25
€84.00 to €88.99	€20
€79.00 to €83.99	€15
€74.00 to €78.99	€10
€69.00 to €73.99	€5
€68.99 or less	Nil

