

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 under "Calculation of Charges" 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** (for those whose weekly income is calculated at €208 or higher). **The maximum Class 2 charge is €130** (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 €37.99 of their weekly income for personal use. Every Class 2 patient will retain a minimum of between €64 and €68.99.

Class 1 – Weekly rate

Assessed weekly income	Charge
€208.00 or more	€175.00
€203.00 to €207.99	€170.00
€198.00 to €202.99	€165.00
€193.00 to €197.99	€160.00
€188.00 to €192.99	€155.00
€183.00 to €187.99	€150.00
€178.00 to €182.99	€145.00
€173.00 to €177.99	€140.00
€168.00 to €172.99	€135.00
€163.00 to €167.99	€130.00
€158.00 to €162.99	€125.00
€153.00 to €157.99	€120.00
€148.00 to €152.99	€115.00
€143.00 to €147.99	€110.00
€138.00 to €142.99	€105.00
€133.00 to €137.99	€100.00
€128.00 to €132.99	€95.00
€123.00 to €127.99	€90.00
€118.00 to €122.99	€85.00
€113.00 to €117.99	€80.00
€108.00 to €112.99	€75.00
€103.00 to €107.99	€70.00
€98.00 to €102.99	€65.00
€93.00 to €97.99	€60.00
€88.00 to €92.99	€55.00
€83.00 to €87.99	€50.00
€78.00 to €82.99	€45.00
€73.00 to €77.99	€40.00
€68.00 to €72.99	€35.00
€63.00 to €67.99	€30.00
€58.00 to €62.99	€25.00
€53.00 to €57.99	€20.00
€48.00 to €52.99	€15.00
€43.00 to €47.99	€10.00
€38.00 to €42.99	€5.00
€37.99 or less	Nil

Class 2 – Weekly rate

Assessed weekly income	Charge
€194.00 or more	€130.00
€189.00 to €193.99	€125.00
€184.00 to €188.99	€120.00
€179.00 to €183.99	€115.00
€174.00 to €178.99	€110.00
€169.00 to €173.99	€105.00
€164.00 to €168.99	€100.00
€159.00 to €163.99	€95.00
€154.00 to €158.99	€90.00
€149.00 to €153.99	€85.00
€144.00 to €148.99	€80.00
€139.00 to €143.99	€75.00
€134.00 to €138.99	€70.00
€129.00 to €133.99	€65.00
€124.00 to €128.99	€60.00
€119.00 to €123.99	€55.00
€114.00 to €118.99	€50.00
€109.00 to €113.99	€45.00
€104.00 to €108.99	€40.00
€99.00 to €103.99	€35.00
€94.00 to €98.99	€30.00
€89.00 to €93.99	€25.00
€84.00 to €88.99	€20.00
€79.00 to €83.99	€15.00
€74.00 to €78.99	€10.00
€69.00 to €73.99	€5.00
€68.99 or less	Nil