

## Fee Ordinance Spitäler Frutigen Meiringen Interlaken AG (RSZ)

concerning

### Stay for patients as self-payers domiciled abroad

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#### Article 1 Scope

<sup>1</sup> The RSZ collects taxes for the in-patient stay in accordance with this Fee Ordinance.

<sup>2</sup>The definition of an in-patient stay is determined by the case definitions of the specifically applicable tariff structure SwissDRG.

<sup>3</sup>They require an offer for planned interventions.

#### Article 2 Services

<sup>1</sup> In the semi private and private wards the RSZ offers patients supplementary services in connection with treatment (therapy and diagnostics), accommodation, meals and administrative matters.

<sup>2</sup>The RSZ typically offers the patient in the semi-private ward:

- a. Hospitality services:
  - accommodation in a 2 bed room (toilet/shower in the room)
  - Extended menu selection
  - Extended media usage
- b. Hospital services
  - Customised daily routine
  - Customised nursing concept
  - Care by qualified nursing staff
  - Preferred schedule planning: Right to voice an opinion in relation to operation and treatment times
- c. Medical services
  - Treatment by the Chief Physician or another specialist with appropriate authorisation.
  - Individual care by doctor chosen (treatment, visits, information)

<sup>3</sup>The RSZ typically offers the patient in the private ward:

- a. Hospitality services:
  - accommodation in a 1 bed room (toilet/shower in the room)
  - Extended menu selection
  - Extended media usage

- b. Hospital services
  - Customised daily routine
  - Customised nursing concept
  - Care by qualified nursing staff
  - Preferred schedule planning: Right to voice an opinion in relation to operation and treatment times
- c. Medical services
  - Treatment by the Chief Physician or another specialist with appropriate authorisation.
  - Individual care by doctor chosen (treatment, visits, information)

### **Article 3 Prices and scope of services**

<sup>1</sup> The RSZ charges the following fees to all patients insofar as the service has been provided:

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| ▪ Price per day of stay (night census)             | CHF 3 500.00  |
| ▪ Price per night for the intensive care unit      | CHF 1 800.00  |
| ▪ Price per night for intermediate care (Frutigen) | CHF 1 000.00  |
| ▪ Price per operation (OP surcharge)               | CHF 12 000.00 |
| ▪ One-time price per stay in case of emergency     | CHF 1 500.00  |

<sup>2</sup>The RSZ also charges to patients in the semi-private or private ward per stay a DRG flat rate for hotel / hospital services and for medical services (VVG base rate by cost weight in accordance with SwissDRG). The following VVG base rate applies to a cost weight 1.00:

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| ▪ DRG flat rate per stay semi-private ward | CHF 9 000.00  |
| ▪ DRG flat rate per stay private ward      | CHF 14 100.00 |

To calculate the cost weight, the SwissDRG tariff structure valid in the billing year is applied.

### **Article 4 Additional expenses**

The RSZ may charge the patients for all other private expenses, such as:

- External doctors consulted at the request of the patient or his/her relatives and costs incurred despite a lack of medical necessity.
- Ambulance services
- Personal needs of patients: telephone calls, media usage, hairdresser, purchases, clothes care, drinks.
- Charges in case of death
- Charges for material damage
- Accommodation and expenses of accompanying persons

### **Article 5 Cost control / billing**

<sup>1</sup>Unless complete cost coverage or guarantee of payment is provided, patients must conclude a treatment contract (patient registration form) with the RSZ for services referred to in this Fee Ordinance. The RSZ may collect a prepayment or a deposit for these services.

<sup>2</sup> The RSZ will invoice the patient after discharge.

<sup>3</sup>The prices for the services listed in Articles 3-4 are to be paid:

- a. by the patient,
- b. by fee guarantors (e.g. supplementary health insurer with contract) and contracting entities/sponsors for services that were rendered on their behalf,
- c. by third parties for services rendered on their behalf.

## **Article 6 Remuneration of the service**

<sup>1</sup>Payment is due within 30 days from the date of the invoice. The invoice recipient may raise a well-founded objection about the invoice within 30 days of receipt.

<sup>2</sup>In case of delayed payment the RSZ may charge default interest of 5 % after 30 days, i.e. as from the 31st day.

## **Article 7 Effective date, amendment, applicable law and court or tribunal**

<sup>1</sup>This Fee Ordinance shall enter into force on 1 January 2019.

<sup>2</sup>This Fee Ordinance may be modified by the RSZ. Typically, the changes are made at the beginning of the calendar year.

<sup>3</sup>Swiss law is solely applicable to disputes arising in connection with this Fee Ordinance. The courts where the defendant is domiciled have jurisdiction.

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**Spitäler fmi AG**

  
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