# COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NOTICE

October 11, 1977

D.C LAW 2-24

" Health Services Rates Act of 1977"

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia
Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act (PL 93-198),
the Act, the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill
No. 2-118 on first and second readings May 31, 1977, and
June 14, 1977, respectively, and reconsidered its final
reading on June 28, 1977. Following the signature of the
Mayor on July 13, 1977, this legislation was assigned Act
No. 2-59, published in the July 29, 1977, edition of the
D.C. Register, and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for
a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602(c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired and, therefore, cites the following legislation as D. C. Law 2-24, effective September 26, 1977.

STERLING TUCKER

Chairman of the Council

#### 2-24

### IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

#### September 28. 1977

To revise the rates charged for medical and mental health services provided by the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

That this act may be cited as the "Health Services Rates Act of 1977".

- Sec. 2. The "License Fees and Charges Act of 1976", effective September 14. 1976 (D.C. Law 1-82) is amended as follows:
- (a) Section 401 of Title IV is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 401(a) The per diem rates to be charged for inpatient services at the District of Columbia General Hospital shall be as follows:

- "(b) The rates to be charged for emergency room services, clinic abortion, and hemodialysis treatment services at the District of Columbia General Mospital shall be as follows:
  - "Emergency Room...... \$ 53.50 per visit
  - \*Clinic Abortion......360.00 per abortion
  - "Hemodialysis Treatment......316.00 per treatment
- \*(c) The rates to be charged for mental health, mental retardation clinic, and home psychiatry services rendered to patients shall be as follows:
  - "(1) For Mental Health Services:
    - "(A) Inpatients......S140.00 per day
    - \*(B) Day Patients..... 66.50 per day
    - "(C) Outpatients..... 43.50 per day
  - "(2) For Mental Retardation Clinic Services:
    - "(A) Day Patients..... \$55.00 per day
    - \*(B) Outpatients..... 35.75 per visit
  - \*(3) For Home Psychiatry Services:
    - "\$19.00 per home visit."
- (b) Subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of Title IV are amended to read as follows:
- "Sec. 402(a) The per diem rate to be charged for skilled care patients at District of Columbia Village shall be \$82.50.

- "(b) The per diem rate to be charged for intermediate care patients at District of Columbia Village shall be \$56.00."
- (c) Section 403 of Title IV is amended to read as follows:
- "Sec. 403. The per diem rate to be charged patients for medical cars and service at Glenn Dale Hospital shall be \$75.50."
- (d) Title IV is amended by adding the following new section 404:
- "Sec. 404. No person shall be denied the services enumerated in this Title IV because of his or her inability to pay for those services."
- Sec. 3. The Mayor of the District of Columbia is hereby authorized to adjust, from time to time, the rates to be charged for the medical care and mental health services specified in Title IV of the License Fees and Charges Act of 1976 except that the Mayor's authority to adjust the rates to be charged for medical care at the outpatient clinic at District of Columbia General Hospital shall terminate on the date that the D.C. General Hospital Commission holds its first meeting pursuant to the provisions of section 201 and subsection (b) of section 206 of Title II of the "D.C. General Hospital Commission Act", effective May 13, 1977

(D.C. Law 1-134). Notice of any change in the rates to be charged for the medical care and mental health services specified in Title IV of the "License Fees and Charges Act of 1976", effective September 14, 1976 (D.C. Law 1-82) shall be filed with the Council of the District of Columbia at least thirty (30) days prior to their effective date.

Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of the fourth proviso under the heading "Health Department" in section 1 of the District of Columbia Appropriations Act of 1946, approved July 9, 1946 (60 Stat. 511; D.C. Code, sec. 32-322), as amended by the "Clinical Health Services Act of 1977", enacted March 30, 1977 (Act 2-13) is further amended to read as follows:

"(a) A fee, based on rates to be established by the Mayor, shall be charged to persons who are not indigent for all clinical services provided at District of Columbia health clinics, including the outpatient clinic at District of Columbia General Hospital, except that the Mayor's authority to set such fees at the outpatient clinic at District of Columbia General Hospital Shall terminate on the date that the D.C. General Hospital Commission holds its first meeting pursuant to the provisions of section 201 and subsection (b) of section 206 of Title II of the "D.C. General Hospital Commission Act", effective May 13, 1977 (D.C. Law 1-134). No fee for clinical services shall be

charged where so specified by an agreement with the federal government or where the provision of a specified clinical service has been determined to be in the public interest pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. No person shall be denied clinical services because he or she is unable to pay for those services. The Mayor shall file with the Council of the District of Columbia notice of a proposed rate or a change in a rate at least thirty (30) days prior to its effective date."

Sec. 5. This act shall become effective as provided in section 602(c) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganizaton Act.

## RECORD OF OFFICIAL COURCEL ACTION

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Second Reading Action: June 14, 1977

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