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**PUBLIC HOSPITALS ACT 1929—REGULATION**

(Relating to withdrawal of money from Samaritan Funds)

NEW SOUTH WALES



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HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, and in pursuance of the Public Hospitals Act 1929, has been pleased to make the Regulation set forth hereunder.

ANDREW JOHN REFSHAUGE, M.P.,  
Deputy Premier and Minister for Health.

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The Public Hospitals Regulation 1991 is amended by omitting clause 13 (3) and by inserting instead the following subclause:

(3) Money is not to be withdrawn from a Samaritan Fund except by or with the prior written approval of the chief executive officer (or person authorised in writing by the chief executive officer) of the area health service or hospital in respect of which the Samaritan Fund is kept.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Money and personal property left in the custody of a hospital by any patient who dies in or is discharged from the hospital and which is not lawfully claimed within 12 months after the death or discharge of such a patient, form a distinct and separate fund called a Samaritan Fund which is managed for the benefit of patients (including out patients) in need of assistance.

The object of this Regulation is to allow the chief executive officer of the area health service or hospital in respect of which a Samaritan Fund is kept to delegate the authority to withdraw, or approve the withdrawal of, money from the Samaritan Fund to a person authorised in writing.

This Regulation is made under the Public Hospitals Act 1929, including sections 40A and 42 (the general regulation-making power, in particular, section 42 (1) (n)).

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