

Salary Increases Cause Rise in Hospital Costs

A number of factors, spear-headed by significant pay increases for personnel, have contributed to a major cost increase in hospitals during recent months, it was reported today by the California Hospital Association.

As of the end of January, the average routine daily service charge for hospitals in California was \$42 a day, Henry X. Jackson, association president, said.

Jackson, administrator of Valley Presbyterian Hospital in Van Nuys, said that in addition to recent salary and wage increases, the rate also reflects the effects of inflation, continued additions of filled personnel essential for modern hospital operations, and the implementation of federal legislation affecting hospitals.

JACKSON based the \$42-a-

day estimate on figures provided by the Commission for Administrative Services in Hospitals, a non-profit organization concerned with improving hospital efficiency through industrial engineering methods.

The CHA president explained that the \$42-a-day charge per patient includes \$22.60 for professional services including 24-hour nursing care coverage; \$4.25 for three meals and two "nourishments" delivered to the bedside daily. In addition, there are costs for the room, extensive housekeeping required for patient safety and comfort plus administrative and overhead costs totaling \$15.15 per day.

THE \$15.15 "room" cost is comparable to the price of a good hotel room, Jackson noted. The \$22.60 charge for

professional services breaks down to 94 cents an hour, Jackson pointed out, little more than the cost of a baby sitter.

"When hospital charges are examined on a rational basis," Jackson declared, "it is clear that patients receive full value considering today's prices and the services hospitals render."

HE WARNED the public to bear in mind when budgeting for hospital charges that typically there are additional fees involved in a hospital stay. This includes necessary charges for laboratory work, special drugs, X-rays and operating room, delivery room and nursery fees.

"Statewide Blue Cross records show that the average cost to patients in Blue Cross member hospitals now is \$73.78 per day," Jackson said.

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Man Held For Theft Of Clothes

Torrance police arrested a 27-year-old man on suspicion of burglary early Monday after he was found in bed by his intended victim.

Francis Andrew Bigerane, of 1806 Cabrillo Ave., was arrested at 1305 Post Ave. about 2:30 a.m.

Police said Robert M. Bybee found Bigerane in bed when he returned to his apartment about 2 a.m. Bybee reported some clothing missing from the closet in his apartment and called police.

He stressed that the figures were averages only and that costs for individual patients could vary widely depending on the severity of illness, the need for special treatments ordered by the physician and the type of institution providing the care.

Veterans Benefits Explained

The 1967 edition of "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents," published by the Veterans Administration, is now on sale at the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. S. 20402.

The booklet lists major benefits available to U.S. veterans, including provisions made during the last session of the 89th Congress. It explains eligibility requirements for veterans and their dependents and describes the nature of the benefits. The list of regional offices where veterans should apply for benefits is included.

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