



2022 CHAPTER 24

Ban on hospital parking charges

1.—(1) No person may impose or recover a monetary charge with respect to the parking of a vehicle in a car park at a hospital by someone who is attending the hospital in a relevant capacity as follows—

- (a) for the purpose of—
 - (i) work or employment at the hospital, or
 - (ii) providing services at the hospital,

- (b) as a patient of the hospital, or
- (c) as a visitor to the hospital.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt—

- (a) a person is not to be regarded as attending a hospital as a visitor merely because the person parks a vehicle in a car park at the hospital, but
- (b) a person is to be regarded as attending a hospital as a visitor if the person parks a vehicle in a car park at the hospital in connection with providing transport to or from the hospital for someone else who is attending the hospital in a relevant capacity (whether as a visitor or otherwise).

(3) In this section—

- (a) the references to a hospital are to a hospital—
 - (i) within the meaning given by Article 2(2) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, and
 - (ii) for which a Health and Social Care Trust has responsibility,
- (b) the references to a car park at a hospital are to a car park or parking area which is part of the premises or facilities of the hospital and made available

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for use by people who have reason to attend the hospital in a relevant capacity,

- (c) the references to parking in a car park are to parking in the car park in accordance with whatever reasonable conditions (including restrictions) apply in relation to the parking of vehicles in the car park.