

12.5.—Every application for assistance or relief shall be in writing and shall be signed by the member or in case of his incapacity due to illness some other person on his behalf.

12.6.—The committee of management shall consider every application for relief or assistance from the benevolent fund and may in its discretion direct payment of such amount as it considers proper from the benevolent fund or in its absolute discretion refuse any application for assistance.

12.7.—The committee of management may, if in its opinion it is expedient for the better or more effective purposes of carrying out the objects of the Society transfer monies from the benevolent fund which are determined by the committee of management to be surplus to the requirements of the benevolent fund to such other fund or funds of the Society as it shall decide.

RULE 13 — VIMY HOUSE HOSPITAL FUND

13.1.—There shall be established under the control of a standing sub-committee of the committee of management (to be called the Vimy House Hospital Committee) a separate fund of the Society called Vimy House Hospital Fund.

13.2.—The Vimy House Hospital committee shall consist of 4 members of whom 2 shall be trustees of the Society, one shall be the secretary of the Society and one shall be a member of the committee of management.

13.3.—The object of the Vimy House Hospital Fund shall be to provide in Vimy House Private Hospital or such other hospital or premises as shall be acquired in addition thereto or substitution therefore hospital accommodation for members who are contributors to the Vimy House Hospital fund and/or the dependants of such members.

13.4.—There shall be paid into the Vimy House Hospital fund —

- (a) all contributions received from members and to be applied to the Vimy House Hospital fund pursuant to Rule 8.1;
- (b) all subsidies of members' contributions by the Board and to be applied to the Vimy House Hospital fund pursuant to Rule 8.2;
- (c) all income arising from the investments of the Vimy House Hospital fund;
- (d) all monies received from the Commonwealth of Australia for hospital benefits in respect of hospitalisation provided by the Society in Vimy House or any other hospital operated by the Society;
- (e) all monies received by way of fees in respect of hospitalisation and other services provided by the Society in Vimy House or any other hospital or institution operated by the Society;
- (f) any other monies to be applied for the purpose of the Vimy House Hospital fund pursuant to Rule 8.2.

13.5.—A member who is a contributor to the Vimy House Hospital fund and each of his dependants shall, provided such hospitalisation is ordered by a legally qualified and registered medical practitioner; be entitled to accommodation free of charge in Vimy House Private Hospital or any other hospital or institution from time to time operated by the Society for a maximum period of 13 weeks in any one year.

13.6.—For the purpose of determining a member's eligibility for benefits under rule 13.5 the period of one year shall be calculated from the date upon which the member or dependant is first admitted hospital.

13.7.—Upon the expiration of the period of one year as aforesaid a member or dependant shall become eligible for a further 13 weeks hospitalisation and so on.

13.8.—The entitlement of a member or dependant of a member to hospitalisation shall not be cumulative from year to year.

13.9.—When benefits are not allowed or payable — hospital accommodation shall not be provided and the Vimy Hospital fund shall have no liability to or in respect of a member and/or his dependants in any of the following circumstances:—

- (a) should the application or benefit claim form contain any false or inaccurate information in respect of the claim, the member and/or his dependants;
- (b) for any illness, ailment or disability evident in a member and/or his dependants at the date upon which the member first applied to contribute to the Vimy House Hospital fund.
- (c) for a period of two months from the date of admission of a member as a contributor to the Vimy House Hospital fund except in the case of an injury sustained by a member and/or his dependants resulting from an accident in which event hospital accommodation shall be provided;
- (d) for an injury, ailment or disability for which a member and/or his dependants has received or has established his right to receive or has a right to receive a payment by way of compensation or damages (including a payment in settlement of a claim for compensation or damages) pursuant to the Motor Car Act the Workers Compensation Act, the Commonwealth Employees Compensation Act, the Seamen's Compensation Act or any similar act of the Commonwealth or States of the Commonwealth or any subsisting amendment thereto to the extent that the payment of compensation or damages or benefit under such Act is sufficient to cover the hospital maintenance fees of the member and/or his dependants;
- (e) for obstetric cases or cases for which proper facilities and equipment are not available in Vimy House Private Hospital or any other hospital operated by the Society or cases which are not within the class or category in respect of which Vimy House Private Hospital or any other hospital operated by the Society is registered under the Hospital and Charities Act.

13.10.—Notwithstanding the admission of a member as a contributor to the Vimy House Hospital fund the Vimy House Hospital Committee may in its discretion and without being obliged to give reasons for so doing by notice in writing delivered or posted to the member at his address in the roll terminate any membership of the Vimy House Hospital fund at any time whereupon any liability of the Vimy House Hospital fund or the Society to the member in respect of benefits under the Vimy House Hospital fund shall cease.

13.11.—If at any time the assets of the Vimy House Hospital fund shall be insufficient to meet the liabilities (including claims) of the fund the committee of management shall be at liberty and is hereby empowered to levy rateably upon the members who are contributors to the Vimy House Hospital fund by way of additional contributions such sum or sums as may be necessary to enable the fund to meet its liabilities.

13.12.—From the Vimy House Hospital fund shall be paid all expenses incurred in the maintenance and operation of Vimy House Private Hospital and any other hospital institution or property acquired or for the time being operated by the Vimy House Hospital fund and the Vimy House Hospital committee.