

**Health Insurance (1991-1992 Diagnostic Imaging Services Table) Regulations
(Amendment) 1992 No. 119**

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 1992 No. 119

Issued by the authority of the Minister for Health, Housing and Community Services.

Health Insurance Act 1973

Health Insurance (1991-1992 Diagnostic Imaging Services Table) Regulations (Amendment)

Section 133 of the Health Insurance Act 1973 (the Act) provides that the Governor-General may make regulations for the purposes of the Act.

Section 4AA of the Act provides that regulations may prescribe a table of diagnostic imaging services. The Health Insurance (Diagnostic Imaging Services Table) Regulations prescribe such a table.

Section 9 of the Act provides that, in effect, medicare benefits shall be calculated by reference to the fees for diagnostic imaging services set out in the table of diagnostic imaging services (the table) in the Schedule to the Act.

The Amendment altered the table of diagnostic imaging services and its rules of interpretation as set out in the 1991-1992 Regulations.

Regulation 3 amended regulations that were due to come into operation from 1 May 1992 (Statutory Rules No. 95). These Regulations (Statutory Rules No. 95) provide, among other things, that Medicare benefits are only payable for mammography services where a specialist radiologist is in attendance.

The regulations provide an exemption from the attendance requirement for five breast clinics that provide specialised breast cancer detection services, where a specialist radiologist is not in attendance. It will still be a requirement that a specialist radiologist reports on the film of the mammography.