

Health Insurance Regulations (Amendment) 1995 No. 287

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 1995 No. 287

Issued by authority of the Minister for Human Services and Health

Health Insurance Act 1973

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Subsection 133(1) of the Health Insurance Act 1973 (the Principal Act) provides that the Governor-General may make regulations for the purpose of the Act.

Item 1 of Schedule 1 of the *Health Legislation (Private Health Insurance Reform) Amendment Act 1995*, which received Royal Assent on 29 May 1995, repealed paragraph (da) of the definition of "basic private table" or "basic table" in subsection 4(1) of the *National Health Act 1953*. Paragraph (da) of that definition provided for the payment by registered health benefits organisations of a benefit equal to 25 per cent of the Medicare Benefits Schedule Fees for medical services rendered in hospital. These benefits are now covered by new paragraph (ea) of Schedule 1 (conditions of registration) of the National Health Act 1953.

Subregulation 13(2) of the Health Insurance Regulations, which deals with information to be included on medical practitioners' accounts, currently contains a reference to 'paragraph (da) of the definition of "basic table" or "basic private table" in subsection 4 (1) of the National Health Act 1953'. The amendment to subregulation 13(2) of the Health Insurance Regulations repealed such reference in subparagraph 13(2) and replaced it with 'paragraph (ea) of Schedule 1 to the National Health Act 1953'.

The amended Regulation commenced on Gazettal.