



Statutory Rules

1974 No. 52

REGULATIONS UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH ACT 1953-1973.*

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, hereby make the following Regulations under the *National Health Act 1953-1973*.

Dated this tenth day of April, 1974.

PAUL HASLUCK
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

BILL HAYDEN
Minister of State for Social Security.

AMENDMENTS OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS†

- Part 1.** 1. Regulation 2 of the National Health Regulations is amended by omitting the words—
- “Part IA—Medical Services to be Rendered by Dentists (Regulation 4A)” and substituting the words—
- “Part IA—Prescriptions for the purposes of Part III of the Act (Regulations 4A-4BB) ”.
2. Part IA of the National Health Regulations is repealed and the following Part substituted—
- “PART IA—PRESCRIPTIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF PART III OF THE ACT
- “4A. A medical service specified in an item in the table of Commonwealth medical benefits that includes the symbol ‘(D)’ is a prescribed medical service for the purposes of paragraph (b) of the definition of ‘professional service’ in sub-section 13 (1) of the Act.
- “4AB. (1) Where, for the purposes of sub-section 17A (2) of the Act, an amount or amounts are to be deemed to be reduced, the amount, or those amounts, shall be deemed to be reduced as follows:—
- (a) if one amount only is to be deemed to be reduced, that amount shall be deemed to be reduced by four-fifths; and
- (b) if two or more amounts are to be deemed to be reduced, the greater or greatest of those amounts shall be deemed to be reduced by four-fifths and the other or each other of those amounts shall be deemed to be reduced by nine-tenths.

Prescription of medical services.

Calculation of basic Commonwealth benefit payable in respect of the administration of an anaesthetic for the purposes of two or more operations.

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† Statutory Rules 1954, No. 35, as amended by Statutory Rules 1957, No. 71; 1958, No. 63; 1962, Nos. 55, 70 and 113; 1963, Nos. 17, 94 and 185; 1966, No. 99; 1967, No. 86; 1969, Nos. 91 and 220; 1970, Nos. 70 and 166; 1971, Nos. 28, 76, 103 and 138; 1972, No. 79; and 1973, Nos. 17, 75, 111, 221, 225 and 267.

"(2) For the purposes of this regulation, where two or more amounts are equal, one of those amounts shall be treated as being greater than the other or others of those amounts.

"4BB. (1) For the purposes of the definition of 'prescribed item' in subsection 19 (2) of the Act—

- (a) items 620, 622, 624, 628 and 633 of the table of Commonwealth medical benefits are prescribed items; and
- (b) items 631, 632, 641, 651 and 661 in the First Schedule to the Act cease to be prescribed items."

Services for which medical expenses are payable to a public hospital and for which a Commonwealth benefit is payable.

3. These Regulations shall come into operation on 22 April 1974.

Commencement.