

# National Health Regulations (Amendment) 1993 No. 85

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

### STATUTORY RULES 1993 No. 85

Issued by Authority of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Services

#### National Health Act 1953

#### National Health Regulations (Amendment)

Subsection 140(1) of the National Health Act 1953 (the Act) enables the GovernorGeneral to make regulations, prescribing all matters which by the Act are required or permitted to be prescribed, including the prescribing of nursing homes as adjusted fee government nursing homes for the purposes of section 4AAAA of the Act.

A number of government nursing homes in Victoria are to be prescribed as adjusted fee government nursing homes under the the Act.

Currently, proprietors of government nursing homes receive a fixed rate of benefit for each nursing home patient. The rate of benefit paid in respect of such patients has been frozen since 1985. The Government has announced its intention that government nursing homes be brought into the care aggregated module (CAM) funding system which applies to privately operated and adjusted fee government nursing homes. The CAM funding system will result in higher levels of benefit being paid to the proprietors of nursing homes that become adjusted fee government nursing homes. In order for existing government nursing homes to become adjusted fee government nursing homes and thereby be brought into the CAM funding system, they must be prescribed as adjusted fee government nursing homes for the purposes of section 4AAAA of the Act.

It is proposed that groups of government nursing homes throughout Australia will progressively be prescribed as adjusted fee government nursing homes for the purpose of the Act. On 1 May 1993, the first group of government nursing homes in Victoria became adjusted fee government nursing homes.

On the 1 June 1993, a second group of government nursing homes in Victoria will become adjusted fee government nursing homes.

Accordingly, the Regulations prescribe the following government nursing homes in Victoria as adjusted fee government nursing homes from 1 June 1993:

<u>Name &amp; Address of Nursing Home</u>	<u>Approval No.</u>
The Queen Elizabeth Centre 102 Ascot Street Ballarat, Victoria, 3350	3422S
Ovens and Murray Nursing Home Warner Road Beechworth, Victoria, 3747	3421S
Wangaratta and District Nursing Home Green Street Wangaratta, Victoria, 3677	3457S
Bairnsdale Regional Health Service McKean Street Bairnsdale, Victoria, 3875	3408S
Evelyn Wilson Nursing Home 183 MacAlister Street	3475S

Sale, Victoria, 3850 Latrobe Valley Nursing Home Ollerton Avenue	3493S
Moe, Victoria, 3825 St Hilary's Nursing Home 16 Elgin Street	4410S
Morwell, Victoria, 3840 Central Gippsland Nursing Home Garden Grove	3432S
Traralgon, Victoria, 3844 West Gippsland Nursing Home Landsborough Road	3473S
Warragul, Victoria, 3820 Bacchus Marsh and District Nursing Home 123 Clarinda Street	3444S
Bacchus Marsh, Victoria, 3340 Hazledean Nursing Home 211 Osborne Street	3459S
Williamstown, Victoria, 3016 Caulfield Hospital Nursing Home 294 Kooyong Road	3433S
Caulfield, Victoria, 3162 Westernport Nursing Home Rossiter Road	3443S
Koo-wee-rup, Victoria, 3981 S C Crabham Nursing Home Graham Street	3491S
Wonthaggi, Victoria, 3995	

The Regulations will commence on 1 June 1993.