National Health Regulations (Amendment) 1993 No. 153

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 1993 No. 153

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 <u>National Health Act 1953</u> (the Act) enables the GovernorGeneral to make regulations, prescribing all matters which by the Act are required or permitted to be prescribed.

A number of government nursing homes in Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania are to be prescribed as adjusted fee government nursing homes for the purposes of section 4AAAA of 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 be progressively 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, followed by another group in Victoria on 1 June 1993.

On 1 July 1993, a third group of government nursing homes will become adjusted fee government nursing homes. The nursing homes are in Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania.

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

| Name & Address of Nursing Home | Approval No. |
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| Tregenza Avenue Aged Care Service 21 Tregenza Avenue | 6403S |
| Elizabeth South, South Australia, 5112 Windana Nursing Home | 6409S |
| 56 Pleasant Avenue Glandore, South Australia, 5037 Julia Farr Centre | 6402S |
| 103 Fisher Street Fullarton, South Australia, 5063 | |
| Toosey Nursing Home Archer Street | 8409S |

| Longford, Tasmania, 7301 James Scott Nursing Home North East Soldiers Memorial Hospital 8 Cameron Street | 8412S |
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| Scottsdale, Tasmania, 7260 Allambi Special Care Unit Howick Street | 8414S |
| Launceston, Tasmania, 7250 Spencer Nursing Home Wynyard, Tasmania, 7325 | 8404S |
| Smithton Nursing Home Bass Highway | 8407S |
| Smithton, Tasmania, 7330 Karingal Nursing Home Lovett Street | 8418S |
| Devonport, Tasmania, 7310 Carruthers Nursing Home | 8415S |
| St John's Park St John's Avenue New Town, Tasmania, 7008 | |
| Camelia Nursing Home St John's Park | 8416S |
| St John's Avenue New Town, Tasmania, 7008 Ouse Nursing Home | 8417S |
| St John's Park St John's Avenue | 0.270 |
| New Town, Tasmania, 7008 Port Fairy Nursing Home Villiers Street | 4449S |
| Port Fairy, Victoria, 3284 Anne Caudle Centre | 3403S |
| 100-104 Barnard Street Bendigo, Victoria, 3550 Mooroopna Geriatric Nursing Home | 3458S |
| McLennan Street Mooroopna, Victoria, 3629 | |
| Kingston Centre Nursing Home Cnr Kingston & Warrigal Roads Cheltenham, Victoria, 3192 | 3417S |
| Northwest Hospital - Greenvale Campus Providence Road | 3410S |
| Greenvale, Victoria, 3059 Northwest Hospital - Mt Royal Campus Poplar Road | 3420S |
| Parkville, Victoria, 3052 Victoria Parade Geriatric Centre 45 Victoria Parade | 3441S |
| Collingwood, Victoria, 3066 Mt Eliza Geriatric Nursing Home | 3445S |
| Jacksons Road Mt Eliza, Victoria, 3930 Baala House Nursing Home | 3499S |
| Katamatite Road Numurkah, Victoria, 3636 | 2/1025 |
| Yarrawonga Nursing Home | 3482S |

Piper Street Yarrawonga, Victoria, 3730

The Regulations will commence on 1 July 1993.