

National Health Regulations (Amendment) 1994 No. 201

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 1994 No. 201

Issued by Authority of the Minister for Human Services and Health

National Health Act 1953

National Health Regulations (Amendment)

Subsection 140(1) of the National Health Act 1953 (the Act) provides that the GovernorGeneral may make regulations, prescribing all matters which by the Act are required or permitted to be prescribed.

A number of government nursing homes have previously been prescribed by regulation as adjusted fee government nursing homes for the purposes of section 4AAAA of the Act on 1 May, 1 June, 1 July and 1 November 1993 and 1 May and 1 June 1994. This amended regulation is to prescribe an additional group of government nursing homes in Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory as adjusted fee government nursing homes.

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. In the 1992 Federal Budget, the Government announced its intention that government nursing homes be brought into the care aggregated module (CAM) funding system which applies only to privately operated nursing homes 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.

Groups of government nursing homes throughout Australia have been 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. This was followed by a second group of nursing homes in Victoria on 1 June 1993, the third group in Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania on 1 July 1993, a fourth group in Victoria on 1 November 1993, a fifth group in Tasmania on 1 May 1994 and a sixth group in Victoria on 1 June 1994.

The purpose of the National Health Regulations (Amendment) is to prescribe a seventh group of government nursing homes, namely 44 nursing homes in Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory as adjusted fee government nursing homes with effect from 1 July 1994. This will complete the transfer of homes in Victoria and the ACT to the adjusted fee government nursing home arrangements. The nursing homes prescribed are set out in the Attachment. The regulations also omit the current Schedule 5 (list of adjusted fee government nursing homes) and substitute a new Schedule 5 which consolidates the list of all adjusted fee government nursing homes.

In addition, it is necessary to amend the Schedule to allocate a new approval number to Spencer Nursing Home in Tasmania for accountability purposes. This home is an existing adjusted fee government nursing home which transferred to private sector ownership on 16 May 1994. The new number is allocated retrospectively from that date.

The Regulations commenced on 1 July 1994.

ATTACHMENT

VICTORIA

Name & Address of Nursing Home	Approval No.
Ararat and District Hospital John Pickford House Girdlestone Street ARARAT, 3377	3476S
Camperdown District Hospital Nursing Home Unit York Street CAMPERDOWN, 3260	3461S
Casterton Memorial Hospital Nursing Home Mt Gambier Road CASTERTON, 3311	3495S
Caulfield Hospital Infirm Section Wards 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 14 294 Kooyong Road CAULFIELD, 3162	4452S
The Clunes and District Hospital The Clunes and District Nursing Home Ballarat Road CLUNES, 3370	4388S
Coleraine and District Nursing Home McKebery Street COLERAINE, 3315	4406S
Dimboola District Hospital Nursing Home Unit 156-158 Lloyd Street DIMBOOLA, 3414	3481S
Donald and District Hospital Donald and District Nursing Home Aitken Avenue DONALD, 3480	4364S
Dumunkle - Rupanyup Hospital Rupanyup District Nursing Home 89 Cromie Street Eastern Suburbs Geriatric Centre Cnr Mahoney's Road and Burwood Highway BURWOOD EAST, 3151	4408S
Edenhope District Hospital Kowree Nursing Home Unit 128-132 Elizabeth Street EDENHOPE, 3318	3498S
Elanora Home and Hospital for the Aged East, West, Centre and John Grant East Wings 7 Mair Street BRIGHTON BEACH, 3188	3404S
George Vowell Home for the Blind Cnr Nepean Highway and Cobb Road MT ELIZA, 3930	3494S
Gippsland South Health Service	

51 Nelson Street NHILL, 3418	3474S
Northwest Hospital - McLellan House Psychogeriatric Nursing Home 22-26 Robinson Street JACANA, 3047	4396S
Northwest Hospital - Weighbridge Psychogeriatric Nursing Home 72 Ascot Vale Road FLEMINGTON, 3031	4405S
Omeo Hospital Nursing Home Unit Eastern Street OMEQ, 3898	4461S
Penshurst Nursing Home W J Lewis Wing Watton Street PENSURST, 3289	4392S
Portland and District Hospital Seymour Cundy Wing Bentinck Street PORTLAND, 3305	3467S
Queen Elizabeth Centre Ripon Peace Memorial Hospital Havelock Street BEAUFORT, 3373	4468S
Queen Elizabeth Centre P S Hobson Nursing Home Gillies Street WENDOURER, 3355	4459S
Stawell and District Hospital W H Syme and H and F Perry Wings Sloan Street STAWELL, 3380	3480S
Terang and District Community Hospital Norah Cosgrove Nursing Home 1 Austin Avenue TERANG, 3264	4391S
Warracknabeal and District Hospital JR and AE Landt Trust Nursing Home Dimboola Road WARRACKNABEAL, 3393	3488S
Western Hospital - Westside Lodge Psychogeriatric Nursing Home Santiago Street ST ALBANS, 3021	4394S
Willaura and District Hospital Nursing Home Unit Delacombe Way WILLAURA, 3291	4387S
Yarram and District Nursing Home 85 Commercial Road YARRAM, 3971	4443S
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	
Jindalee Nursing Home Goyder Street	

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