

# AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

## HEALTH COMMISSION (CHARGES) REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

No. 4 of 1982

The Minister for Health has made regulations under the Health Commission Ordinance 1975 which amend the Health Commission (Charges) Regulations.

The amending Regulations make the following substantive changes to the principal Regulations:

- Charges at less than the full daily charge are prescribed for the accommodation in hospitals conducted by the Capital Territory Health Commission of persons who are in-patients for periods of less than 8 hours.
- A disadvantaged person or eligible pensioner in respect of whose treatment in a hospital conducted by the Capital Territory Health Commission professional services are not rendered solely by or on behalf of the Commission will be charged for hospital accommodation as if he or she was not a disadvantaged person or eligible pensioner.
- Charges are prescribed for professional services provided to a person who is a compensable or non-eligible person as an out-patient at a hospital conducted by the Capital Territory Health Commission as a result of the initial out-patient consultation.
- Out-patients at hospitals conducted by the Capital Territory Health Commission are exempted from charges prescribed by the Regulations if they are exempted from the charges which are prescribed for professional services other than out-patient services.
- Persons who attend clinics conducted by the Capital Territory Health Commission for the treatment and control of addiction to alcohol and other drugs are exempted from the charges prescribed for professional services provided by the Commission.