AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH

AMENDMENTS OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION (CHARGES) REGULATIONS

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

No. 5 of 1979

The Minister of State for Health has made Regulations under the Health Commission Ordinance 1975 which amend the Health Commission (Charges) Regulations by up-dating the definition of "standard medical benefits table".

The effect of the amendment is to increase by 2.69% the charges for pathology services rendered by the Capital Territory Health Commission.

The amendment is in accordance with the Government's decision to increase by a similar amount, the fees for pathology services for the purposes of medical benefits.

In addition the increased pathology charges reflect the Government's policy of having uniform pathology fees for medical benefit purposes throughout Australia from 15 March 1979.