

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY LEGISLATION

AMENDMENTS OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION (CHARGES) REGULATIONS

No. 18 of 1978

The Minister of State for Health has made Regulations under the Health Commission Ordinance 1975 to amend the Health Commission (Charges) Regulations.

The Regulations vary the fees charged by the Capital Territory Health Commission for medical and pathology services and are consistent with the Government's recently announced revised health insurance arrangements which take effect on 1 November 1978.

The fees payable in respect of medical services provided at Health Centres, other than pathology services, have been increased from 85% to 100% of the schedule fees, that is, the fees specified in the table of medical services in Schedule 1 to the Health Insurance Act 1973 in relation to the State of New South Wales.

The fees payable for pathology services have been reduced from 85% of the schedule fees to 75% which means that they are equal to the benefits payable by insurance funds in respect of pathology services.

Out-patients of a Commission hospital, other than compensation cases will receive free pathology services.