

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

AMENDMENTS OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION (CHARGES) REGULATIONS

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

No. 19 of 1978

The Minister of State for Health has made Regulations under the Health Commission Ordinance 1975 which amend the Health Commission (Charges) Regulations by prescribing revised charges for accommodation of patients in nursing homes conducted by the Capital Territory Health Commission.

The charges are based on the Government's decision that from 9 November 1978 the new single pension rate is to be increased by \$1.75 per week to \$58.20 per week inclusive of supplementary assistance. As a consequence the Government has decided that the minimum patient contribution to nursing home accommodation fees will be increased by 25 cents per day to \$7.25 per day.

Pensioners are able to retain \$7.45 per week from their pension entitlement.