

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
HEALTH SERVICES ACT 1990
BOARD OF HEALTH

DETERMINATION OF FEES AND CHARGES NO. 21 OF 1991

The Board of Health's Determination of Fees and Charges No. of 1991 cancels and replaces the Determination of Fees and Charges No.16 of 1991. The Determination comes into effect on 1 July 1991, and reproduces Determination No.16 except for the following changes:-

- (a) The increase in charges for Hospital Accommodation Fees both standard and day care patients has risen in line with the proposals for similar categories in New South Wales.
- (b) A fee relating to the personal laundry of patients in nursing homes has been set at \$1.00 per day. Although this fee has been included in the total fee for nursing home patients in the past it has not previously been gazetted as a separate fee.
- (c) The fees in relation to ambulance services have been increased by 4%, being the expected increase for the CPI for the next financial year.
- (d) The fees for outpatient services, physiotherapy and occupational therapy services have also increased by 4%.
- (e) A fee for mass vaccinations which is currently at a rate of \$6.00 per injection has now increased to \$6.20 per injection. This fee had previously not been gazetted.
- (f) Fees have also been gazetted for the first time in relation to the provision of medical/physio reports, consultation fees for services to outside organisation by the Radiation Safety Section, the use of authority accommodation and in particular the use of the theatre (after hours), have all increased by 4%.
- (g) The fees for the Australian Capital Territory Government Analytical Laboratory relating to the Department of Defence, analysis for other government bodies, Australian Federal Police, Australian Capital Territory Coroner's Office, air monitoring for fibres and the Low Sodium Clinic have all increased by 4% or \$3.00 per hour.

- (h) The provision of clinical notes and medical reports relating to the legal process in general and as a result of subpoenas has also increased by 4%. These fees had also not previously been gazetted.
- (i) The fees relating to the supply of meals to the Red Cross for distribution for Meals-on-Wheels has increased by 10 cents per meal. This too was a previously ungazetted charge.
- (j) The fees for the creche facilities based at Board of Health premises have not increased from the present charges, however they have not previously been gazetted.

The increases relate to the services in the Determination of Fees and Charges listed at A, B, I.1(a), I.1(b), I.3(a), I.3(b), J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S and T of the Schedule.