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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**HEALTH PROFESSIONALS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004
GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS**

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Outline

The amendment to the dictionary meaning of health service provider in the *Health Act 1993* is required as the original amendment inadvertently included a much broader category of health service provider than intended under the current legislation. This was an unintended consequence and is corrected by the following amendments.

Revenue/Cost Implications

There is no additional cost involved in these amendments to the Bill as all infrastructure is in place under the existing regime.

Amendments to be moved by the Minister for Health

Amendment 1

Schedule 1, part 1.3 Proposed new division 8.1 omits the new division 8.1 because the inclusion of a person registered under the *Health Professionals Act 2004* would extend the definition beyond the current categories allowed under the *Health Act 1993*.

Amendment 2

Schedule 1, part 1.3 Proposed new division 8.2 heading omits the heading to division 8.2 as the heading is no longer necessary given the proposed amendment. Only the heading is removed, the rest of the provision concerning definitions in the Health (Fees) Determination 2003-04 DI2003-150 remains.

Amendment 3

Schedule 1, part 1.3 Proposed new division 8.3 heading omits the heading to division 8.3 as the heading is no longer necessary given the following proposed amendment.

Amendment 4

Schedule 1, part 1.3 Dictionary, definition of health service provider substitutes a new definition of health service provider to ensure that the categories listed are the same as the categories under the existing health professionals legislation.