



New South Wales

Health Services Amendment (Guaranteeing Free Public Hospital Services) Bill 2014

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to ensure that public patients continue to receive health services from public hospitals free of charge.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Clause 3 amends the *Health Services Act 1997* to provide that no public patient is to be charged a fee for any health service provided by a public hospital if that service was, as at 29 May 2014, required to be provided free of charge, regardless of any law or agreement to the contrary.



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No. , 2014

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Health Services Act 1997* to ensure that public patients are not charged for certain health services provided by public hospitals.

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| The Legislature of New South Wales enacts: | 1 |
| 1 Name of Act | 2 |
| This Act is the <i>Health Services Amendment (Guaranteeing Free Public Hospital Services) Act 2014</i> . | 3 4 |
| 2 Commencement | 5 |
| This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act. | 6 |
| 3 Amendment of Health Services Act 1997 No 154 | 7 |
| Section 75A | 8 |
| Insert after section 75: | 9 |
| 75A Fees not payable for public hospital health services | 10 |
| Despite this or any other Act or law or any agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of New South Wales, no fee is to be charged for any health service provided to a patient by a public hospital that was, under any such agreement, required to be provided free of charge as at 29 May 2014. | 11 12 13 14 15 |