



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.