

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1991

CORRECTION OF EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Page 1 - paragraph 6

Omit definition of 'patient contribution' and substitute new definition as follows -:

"The new definition of 'patient contribution' identifies 4 separate situations: (1) where a person has been billed by a doctor under section 20 of the Principal Act and is entitled to receive a medicare benefit in respect of that medical expense; (2) where a benefit is assigned for prescribed GP services under subsection 20A for persons who are not concessionary beneficiaries; (3) where a benefit is assigned for prescribed GP services under subsection 20A in respect of concessionary beneficiaries; and (4) where the benefit is assigned in respect of a service other than a prescribed GP service. In the first situation the patient contribution is the difference between the Schedule fee (or the medical expenses where they are less than the Schedule fee) and the amount of benefit payable apart from the safety-net provisions. In the second situation the patient contribution is or is deemed to be \$3.50. In the third and fourth situations the patient contribution is nil."

Page 6 - paragraph 4

Insert "- (2)" after "subsection 10AF(1)".

Page 7 - paragraph 2

Omit paragraph and substitute new paragraph as follows:

"New subsections 10AH(3) - (4) provide for the issue of a new card to the original card holder where, through a variation of the registration of the original card holder's family, another person becomes registered as a member of the original card holder's family; such a replacement card must include particulars of the holders of the original card and the new family member, each of whom become a replacement card holder after the new card is issued."

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