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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

SENATE

NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1994

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Amendments to be moved on behalf of the Government)

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Human Services and Health,
the Hon Dr Carmen Lawrence, MP)

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GENERAL OUTLINE

The purpose of the amendments to the National Health Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1994 is to extend the operation of the new agreement concerning community pharmacy for one further year.

The new arrangements are to commence on 1 April 1995 and will now continue in operation until 30 June 2000.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

These amendments extend the payment of allowances for isolated and rural pharmacies and for professional tasks for one further year, which will involve additional expenditure of approximately \$4.5 million.

NOTES ON AMENDMENTS

Amendment 1

The amendment to item 5 provides that subsections 90(3A), (3AA), (3AB) and (3B) will, unless sooner repealed, cease at the end of 30 June 2000.

Amendment 2

The amendment to item 25 provides that the Australian Community Pharmacy Authority will continue in existence until 30 June 2000, unless sooner abolished.

Amendment 3

The amendment to item 37 provides that Division 4C (Financial assistance for restructuring of pharmacy industry) will continue in force, unless sooner repealed, until the end of 30 June 2000.

