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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

PROPOSED HEALTH SERVICES (PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND DAY PROCEDURE CENTRES) REGULATIONS

Notice of Preparation of a Regulatory Impact Statement

In accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, notice is given that the proposed Health Services (Private Hospitals and Day Procedure Centres) Regulations 2013 have been prepared and have been assessed in a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS). The proposed regulations will replace the Health Services (Private Hospitals and Day Procedure Centres) Regulations 2002, which will sunset on 10 September 2013. The proposed regulations are made under section 158 of the **Health Services Act 1988**.

Reason for and objectives of the proposed Regulations

Part 4 of the **Health Services Act 1988** regulates private hospitals and day procedure centres in Victoria.

The objective of proposed Regulations is to:

- provide for the safety and quality of care of patients receiving health services in private hospitals and day procedure centres by prescribing –
 - (i) requirements for staffing; and
 - (ii) procedures for the handling of complaints; and
 - (iii) records to be kept; and
 - (iv) other requirements to ensure the welfare of patients; and
- to prescribe fees, forms and other matters required or permitted to be prescribed or necessary to be prescribed under the **Health Services Act 1988** in relation to private hospitals and day procedure centres.

Review of Part 4 of the Health Services Act 1988

The Department of Health has commenced a review of Part 4 of the **Health Services Act 1988**. The intention is to replace Part 4 with a new Act and policy framework to regulate private hospitals and day procedure centres. The introduction of a new Act and new Regulations is anticipated in 2014. In order to maintain continuity in the regulatory coverage of private hospitals and day procedure centres it is necessary to make new regulations to provide coverage during this interim time period.

Summary of results of the RIS

The RIS assesses the costs and benefits of the proposed Regulations and possible alternative means of achieving the stated objectives and explains why the proposed Regulations are the best means of achieving the stated objectives.

The RIS concludes that the proposed Regulations are the most efficient and effective option to maintain regulatory coverage and provide for business continuity until the development of a new Act and associated Regulations.

Public comments are now invited

Copies of the RIS and proposed Regulations may be obtained by:

- downloading the documents from the Department of Health's website at: www.health.vic.gov.au/privatehospitals/proposed_regulations_2013
- email: privatehospitals@health.vic.gov.au
- telephone: (03) 9096 9990.

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Comments must be made in writing to:

Victor Di Paola
Health Regulation and Reform Branch
Department of Health
GPO Box 4541
Melbourne, Victoria 3001

or email: privatehospitals@health.vic.gov.au

The closing date for submissions is Monday 12 August 2013.

Please note that all submissions will be treated as public documents.

Dated 9 July 2013

HON DAVID DAVIS MP
Minister for Health

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