Health Services Amendment (Health Purchasing Victoria) Bill 2012

Introduction Print

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

General

The Bill amends the **Health Services Act 1988** to expand the range of health or related services in relation to which Health Purchasing Victoria performs functions and exercises powers to include registered community health centres and women's health services.

Clause Notes

Clause 1 sets out the purpose of the Bill.

The purpose of the Health Services Amendment (Health Purchasing Victoria) Bill 2012 is to expand the range of health or related services in relation to which Health Purchasing Victoria performs functions and exercises powers to include registered community health centres and women's health services.

Clause 2 is the commencement provision.

The provisions will come into effect on the day after the day on which the Health Services Amendment (Health Purchasing Victoria) Bill 2012 receives Royal Assent.

Clause 3 inserts new paragraphs (ab) and (ac) into the definition of ***health or related service*** in section 3(1) of the **Health Services Act 1988**.

By new paragraph (ab), registered community health centres are included in the definition of ***health or related service***.

By new paragraph (ac), women's health services are included in the definition of ***health or related service*** by reference to new Schedule 6.

Registered community health centres are regulated by Division 6 of Part 3 of the Act. There are currently 38 registered community health centres in Victoria, 22 being located in metropolitan Melbourne and the remaining 16 being located in rural Victoria. There are 11 women's health services listed in new Schedule 6.

The effect of this amendment will be to enable Health Purchasing Victoria to perform functions and exercise powers in relation to registered community health centres and women's health services in the same way it does in relation to all health or related services (other than public hospitals). For example, registered community health centres and women's health services will be able to access common use contracts for the supply of goods and services facilitated by Health Purchasing Victoria.

Clause 4 inserts new Schedule 6 into the **Health Services Act 1988**.

Schedule 6 lists the 11 women's health services.

Clause 5 provides for the automatic repeal of this amending Act on the first anniversary of its commencement.

The repeal of this Act does not affect in any way the continuing operation of the amendments made by this Act (see section 15(1) of the **Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984**).

PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA

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PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA

Introduced in the Assembly

Health Services Amendment (Health Purchasing Victoria) Bill 2012

A Bill for an Act to amend the **Health Services Act 1988** to expand the range of health or related services in relation to which Health Purchasing Victoria performs functions and exercises powers to include registered community health centres and women's health services and for other purposes.

The Parliament of Victoria enacts:

1 Purpose

The purpose of this Act is to amend the **Health Services Act 1988** to expand the range of health or related services in relation to which Health Purchasing Victoria performs functions and exercises powers to include registered community health centres and women's health services.

2 Commencement

This Act comes into operation on the day after the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

3 Definition of health or related service

See: Act No. 49/1998. Reprint No. 13 as at 24 August 2011 and amending Act Nos 49/2010, 17/2011, 20/2012 and 21/2012. LawToday: www.legislation.vic.gov.au

In section 3(1) of the **Health Services Act 1988**, in the definition of ***health or related service***, after paragraph (a) **insert**—

"(ab) a registered community health centre; or

(ac) a women's health service listed in Schedule 6; or".

4 New Schedule 6

After Schedule 5 to the **Health Services Act 1988 insert**—

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SCHEDULE 6

Section 3

WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES

The following incorporated associations—

Gippsland Women's Health Service Inc.

Multicultural Centre for Women's Health Inc.

Women's Health and Wellbeing Barwon South West Inc.

Women's Health East Inc.

Women's Health Goulburn North-East Incorporated

Women's Health Grampians Inc.

Women's Health Loddon Mallee Inc.

Women's Health in the North Inc.

Women's Health in the South-East Inc.

Women's Health Victoria Inc.

Women's Health West Inc.".

5 Repeal of amending Act

This Act is **repealed** on the first anniversary of its commencement.

Note

The repeal of this Act does not affect the continuing operation of the amendments made by it (see section 15(1) of the **Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984**).

ENDNOTES

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