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## Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

### NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT (RIS)

#### Non-Emergency Patient Transport Amendment Regulations 2021

Notice is given that, in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the proposed Non-Emergency Patient Transport Amendment Regulations 2021.

The proposed Regulations will amend the existing Non-Emergency Patient Transport Regulations 2016 to require that licence holders must:

- use power lift stretchers to transport patients,
- replace vehicles used to transport patients at 400,000 km,
- operate to a documented clinical governance program,
- meet strengthened training requirements for clinical staff,
- introduce accredited occupational health and safety plans, and
- a range of other minor matters

The principal objective of the proposed Regulations is to provide for the safety and quality of care of patients receiving treatment and transport from NEPT operators. The proposed Regulations set additional minimum requirements, with the aim of minimising the risk of harm to patients, while not imposing onerous or unjustified costs on those being regulated.

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.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained at <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/hospitals-and-health-services/patient-care/ambulance-and-nept/non-emergency-transport/nept-legislation>; by emailing [privatehospitals@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:privatehospitals@health.vic.gov.au); or phoning (03) 9456 4572.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and the proposed Regulations. All comments must be in writing and be received no later than 5.00 pm on Monday 9 August 2021 preferably via email to: [privatehospitals@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:privatehospitals@health.vic.gov.au); or by mail to: Victor Di Paola, Manager Legislation Reform, Private Hospitals Branch, Department of Health, 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000.

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