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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Proposed Health Services (Health Service Establishments) Regulations 2024

Notice is given in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the proposed Health Services (Health Service Establishments) Regulations 2024 (the proposed Regulations).

The Health Services (Health Service Establishments) Regulations 2013 (the Regulations) are due to sunset on 1 September 2024. The proposed Regulations will revoke and replace the Regulations, and support the operation of the **Health Services Act 1988** (the Act) by prescribing matters required, permitted or necessary to be prescribed in respect of Health Service Establishments, which include private hospitals, day procedure centres and mobile health services.

The primary objective of the proposed Regulations is to provide for the safety and quality of care of patients receiving health services in Health Service Establishments. The secondary objective of the proposed Regulations is to prescribe fees, forms and other matters as required under the Act in relation to Health Service Establishments. This provides the mechanisms by which Health Service Establishments meet their requirements under the Act.

The RIS proposes that the Regulations be re-made for 10 years with a number of targeted improvements and clarifications in the areas of:

- (a) Clinical governance;
- (b) Sentinel events reporting and review;
- (c) Admissions assessment;
- (d) Infringements;
- (e) Fees.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained from the Department of Health website at <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/private-health-service-establishments/legislation-updates-for-private-health-service-establishments> or by emailing Legislative and Regulatory Reform team at legandregreform@health.vic.gov.au

Public comments and submissions are invited on the RIS and the proposed Regulations. All comments and submissions must be in writing and should be marked 'Health Services (Health Service Establishments) Regulations 2024 response'.

Comments and submissions must be received no later than 11.59 pm on 29 May 2024 and should be made via email to legandregreform@health.vic.gov.au

All comments and submissions will be treated as public documents, unless the person making the comment or submission requests that it not be publicly available.

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