



New South Wales

Health Services Amendment (Ambulance Fees) Regulation 2015

under the

Health Services Act 1997

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Health Services Act 1997*.

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Minister for Health

Explanatory note

The objects of this Regulation are:

- (a) to prescribe certain concession cards under section 67N of the *Health Services Act 1997* so that holders of those cards are exempt from the requirement to pay an ambulance fee, and
- (b) to prescribe an amount of \$65 as the costs payable under an order for the recovery of an ambulance fee.

This Regulation is made under the *Health Services Act 1997*, including sections 67N (b) and 140 (the general regulation-making power) and clause 11 of Schedule 9.

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Health Services Amendment (Ambulance Fees) Regulation 2015*.

2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on 1 June 2015 and is required to be published on the NSW legislation website.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Health Services Regulation 2013

Clauses 26A and 26B

Insert after clause 26:

26A Ambulance fee exemptions

The following kinds of concession cards are prescribed for the purposes of section 67N (b) of the Act:

- (a) a Health Care Card issued on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia,
- (b) a Pensioner Concession Card issued on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia,
- (c) a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card issued on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia,
- (d) a Repatriation Health Card – For All Conditions (also known as a Gold Card) issued by the Commonwealth Department of Veterans' Affairs (but not in relation to non-emergency ambulance services and transfers that are not funded by the Department of Veterans' Affairs),
- (e) a Repatriation Health Card – For Specific Conditions (also known as a White Card) issued by the Commonwealth Department of Veterans' Affairs (but only in relation to a specific condition that is funded by the Department of Veterans' Affairs).

26B Ambulance fee recovery costs

- (1) The amount prescribed as the fee recovery costs payable to the Commissioner on the making of a fee recovery order in accordance with clause 2 of Schedule 9 to the Act is \$65.
- (2) The amount prescribed as the fee recovery costs payable into the Consolidated Fund for any of the following fee recovery actions is \$65:
 - (a) the making of a property seizure order in accordance with clause 15 of Schedule 9 to the Act,
 - (b) the making of a garnishee order in accordance with clause 16 of Schedule 9 to the Act,
 - (c) an application to register a fee recovery order as a charge on land in accordance with clause 17 of Schedule 9 to the Act.
- (3) The Commissioner may, in such circumstances as the Commissioner considers appropriate, waive, postpone or refund all or part of the amount of any fee recovery costs.