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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HEALTH LEGISLATION  
AMENDMENT BILL (NO 2) 1989

Amendments to be Moved on Behalf of the Government

(Circulated by authority of the Honourable Mr Peter Staples  
MP, Minister for Housing and Aged Care)

## Notes on Amendments

The amendments alter clause 36 which deals with the payment for the supply of a pharmaceutical benefit supplied as a special patient contribution item by deleting \$12.00 and substituting \$11.00.

The amendments became necessary with the failure of the National Health Amendment Bill 1989 to be passed by the Senate. The National Health Amendment Bill sought to increase the general patient contribution for pharmaceutical benefits from \$11.00 to \$12.00 with effect from 1 January 1990. This amendment takes account of the fact that the general patient contribution will now remain at \$11.00.

