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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

THE SENATE

**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION
AMENDMENT BILL 1991**

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1 - Clause 23, page 16, lines 1 to 6, omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

Interpretation

"23. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in subsection (1) the following definitions:

"**physiotherapist**" means a person registered or licensed to practice physiotherapy under a law of a State or Territory that provides for the registration or licensing of physiotherapists;

"**podiatrist**" means a person registered or licensed to practice podiatry under a law of a State or Territory that provides for the registration or licensing of podiatrists;".

No. 2 - Clause 24, page 16, lines 7 to 15, omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

Medicare benefits in relation to R-type diagnostic imaging services

"24. Section 16B of the Principal Act is amended:

(a) by inserting after subparagraph (1)(b)(iii) the following words and subparagraphs:

'or (iv) subject to subsection (3A), a physiotherapist;

or (v) subject to subsection (3B), a podiatrist;';

- (b) by inserting after subsection (3) the following headings and subsections:

'[Physiotherapists may only request certain services]

- (3A) A request made by a physiotherapist, acting in his or her capacity as a physiotherapist, for an R-type diagnostic imaging service to be rendered is not effective for the purposes of subsection (1) unless it is a request for a service of a kind specified in regulations made for the purposes of this subsection.';

'[Podiatrists may only request certain services]

- (3B) A request made by a podiatrist, acting in his or her capacity as a podiatrist, for an R-type diagnostic imaging service to be rendered is not effective for the purposes of subsection (1) unless it is a request for a service of a kind specified in regulations made for the purposes of this subsection.';

- (c) by omitting from paragraph (9)(a) 'dental practitioner or chiropractor' and substituting 'dental practitioner, chiropractor, physiotherapist or podiatrist';

- (d) by omitting from paragraph (9)(b) 'dental practitioner or chiropractor' and substituting 'dental practitioner, chiropractor, physiotherapist or podiatrist';

- (e) by inserting at the end of subsection (9) the following words and paragraphs:

'; and (e) if the requesting practitioner is a physiotherapist who made the request in his or her capacity as a physiotherapist — the request is not rendered ineffective by the operation of subsection (3A); and

- (f) if the requesting practitioner is a podiatrist who made the request in his or her capacity as a podiatrist — the request is not rendered ineffective by the operation of subsection (3B)'."

No. 3 - Clause 25, page 16, lines 16 to 18, omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

Interpretation

"25. Section 23DZF of the Principal Act is amended by adding ', a physiotherapist and a podiatrist' at the end of the definition of 'practitioner'."

HARRY EVANS

Clerk of the Senate

The Senate,

Canberra, 12 December 1991



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