**National Health Act 1973**

**No. 49 of 1973**

**AN ACT**

To amend section 9a of the *National Health Act* 1953–1972.

[*Assented to 14 June 1973*]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen, the Senate and the House of Representatives of Australia, as follows:—

**Short title and citation.**

**1.** (1) This Act may be cited as the *National Health Act* 1973.

(2) The *National Health Act* 1953–1972, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *National Health Act* 1953–1973.

**Commencement.**

**2.** This Act shall come into operation on 3rd July, 1973.

**Hearing aids.**

**3.** Section 9a of the *National Health Act* 1953–1972 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:—

“(4) In this section, ‘pensioner’ includes a woman who is in receipt of a benefit under Part IVaaa of the *Social Services Act* 1947–1973 or would be in receipt of such a benefit if she were not receiving vocational

training under Part VIII of that Act, other than a woman to whom such, a benefit would not be payable if any amendment of the *Social Services Act* 1947–1967, or of that Act as amended, the effect of which is to diminish or eliminate any reduction that would otherwise be made in the rate of benefit payable to her by reason of her means as assessed had not been made.”.