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## Health Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2008

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[Health Services Legislation Amendment Bill and Explanatory Memorandum  
Minister's Second Reading speech](#)

[Statement of compatibility](#)

[Health Services Act 1988](#)

[Health Services \(Conciliation and Review\) Act 1987](#)

## Background Material

"On 29 February 2008, the Australian Taxation Office advised all stand alone Community Health Centres (CHCs) that it had formed the view that:

- CHCs are governmental organisations and are therefore not entitled to a range of taxation concessions;
- the endorsement of CHCs with the status of Tax Concession Charities (TCCs), or Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) endorsement as Public Benevolent Institutions (PBIs) or Health Promotion Charities (HPCs) will be revoked, effective 31 March 2008.

Following the Australian Taxation Office advice, on 20 March 2008 Victoria's Health Minister, the Hon Daniel Andrews MP announced a review of the current governance and accountability arrangements for all Victorian stand alone Community Health Centres."

('From the Director', DHS *Primary Health newsletter*, Issue No 5—April 2008, p 4)

[ATO Tax ruling advice letter](#) 29 Feb 2008

• [Taxation Ruling TR 2003/5 Income tax and fringe benefits tax: public benevolent institutions](#)

• [Taxation Ruling TR 2005/21 Income tax and fringe benefits tax: charities](#)

Victorian Healthcare Association - [Bulletins](#) (see 'Taxation status of community health centres')

[Discussion Paper: Review of Governance Arrangements for Community Health Centres](#) (2008)

## Useful Websites

[Community health services - overview](#) (DHS)

[Community health directory](#)

[Community health governance and principles and guidelines](#)

[Guidelines for the governance, election & appointment of Members of Boards of declared Community Health Centres: March 2007](#)

[Good practice guide on governance for Victorian public sector entities](#) (State Services Authority)

[Community health services: creating a healthier Victoria](#) (2004)

Better Health Channel - ['Community health centres'](#)

['Health services'](#) - chapter from [Australia's health](#) no. 11 (2008), AIHW

## Media

Government media releases: [20 March 2008](#) and [6 Nov 2008](#)

## Comparative information

[Australian health map](#) (ABC website)

[NSW health services](#)

[Queensland community health services](#)

[Tasmanian community health](#)

[WA community health care](#)

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