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CONSULTATION FORUMS: QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATELY INSURED SERVICES

Following the release of the discussion paper *Private Health Insurance: Proposal for Quality Assurance Requirements for Privately Insured Services* (PHI circular 31/07, 30 May 2007), the Department is holding consultation forums in capital cities during July and August 2007.

The purpose of the forums is to discuss and refine the proposal with stakeholders in light of the submissions received in response to the discussion paper. Outcomes from the forums will inform the drafting of the Private Health Insurance (Accreditation) Rules.

As particular aspects of the proposal are common to certain groups of stakeholders, separate sessions will be held to allow full discussion of the issues relevant to the following groups:

- Health insurers;
- Hospitals and health care organisations¹; and
- Allied health professionals and natural therapists.

Each session will cover:

- Overview of the purpose of and proposal for the quality assurance requirements for privately insured services;
- Detailed discussion of each of the elements of the proposal;
- Review and refine the proposed requirements for each provider group;

Sessions for health insurers and hospitals will include discussion on the process for declaration of hospitals under the *Private Health Insurance Act 2007*.

The consultation program, with the dates, times and location of the sessions is set out in Attachment A.

¹ A health care organisation is an organisation that employs health care providers and administrative staff to manage, coordinate and provide health care services such as home care, hospital-substitute treatment and chronic disease management programs.

Registration

To register attendance at a session, please send the following details via email to paul.wailes@health.gov.au.

- Name of attendee:
- Organisation:
- Forum location:
- Stakeholder session:
- Forum time / date:
- Contact phone number:
- Email address:

Email the above details to paul.wailes@health.gov.au no later than 5 working days prior to the nominated session.

Light refreshments will be available. If you have any questions about the consultation forums please contact Paul Wailes on (02) 6289 9434.

**PROGRAM FOR CONSULTATION FORUMS:
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MELBOURNE	STAKEHOLDER GROUP	DATE / TIME
Rydges Melbourne 186 Exhibition Street MELBOURNE	Health insurers	Monday 16 July 2007 9:00am – 12:00pm
	Hospitals and health care organisations	Monday 16 July 2007 1:00pm – 4:00pm
	Allied health professionals and natural therapists	Tuesday 17 July 2007 9:00am – 12:00pm

HOBART	STAKEHOLDER GROUP	DATE / TIME
Hobart Function & Conference Centre Elizabeth Street Pier HOBART	Hospitals and Health care organisations	Wednesday 18 July 2007 9:00am – 11:00am
	Allied health professionals and natural therapists	Wednesday 18 July 2007 11.30am – 1.00pm

SYDNEY	STAKEHOLDER GROUP	DATE / TIME
Citigate Central 169-179 Thomas Street Haymarket SYDNEY	Health insurers	Tuesday 24 July 2007 9:00am – 12:00pm
	Hospitals and health care organisations	Tuesday 24 July 2007 1:00pm – 4:00pm
	Allied health professionals and natural therapists	Wednesday 25 July 2007 9:00am – 12:00pm

BRISBANE	STAKEHOLDER GROUP	DATE / TIME
Mercure Hotel 85-87 North Quay BRISBANE	Hospitals and health care organisations	Tuesday 31 July 2007 9:00am – 11:00pm
	Allied health professionals and natural therapists	Tuesday 31 July 2007 11.30am – 1.30pm

PERTH	STAKEHOLDER GROUP	DATE / TIME
Duxton Hotel No 1 St Georges Terrace PERTH	Hospitals and health care organisations	Monday 6 August 2007 9am – 11am
	Allied health professionals and natural therapists	Monday 6 August 2007 11.30am – 1.30pm

ADELAIDE	STAKEHOLDER GROUP	DATE / TIME
The Chifley on South Terrace 226 South Terrace ADELAIDE	Hospitals and health care organisations	Tuesday 7 August 2007 9am – 11am
	Allied health professionals and natural therapists	Tuesday 7 August 2007 11.30am – 1.30pm

CANBERRA	STAKEHOLDER GROUP	DATE / TIME
The Hellenic Club Matilda Street WODEN ACT	One session for all stakeholders	Wednesday 15 August 2007 9am – 12pm

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