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Dear Participant,

The National Pharmaceutical Services Association's application for authorisation AA1000480 – request for update

Background

On 31 March 2020, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) granted interim authorisation to the National Pharmaceutical Services Association, its current and future members, and any Community Services Obligation Distributors (together, the **Applicants**, which includes your organisation) to have discussions, enter into arrangements, or engage in conduct (excluding sharing of price-information) for the purpose of facilitating the supply of, and access to, medicines and pharmacy products (the **Proposed Conduct**).

The interim authorisation has been granted to allow your organisation and the other Applicants to immediately engage in the Proposed Conduct while the ACCC progresses its determination of the substantive application for authorisation. Further information, including a copy of the application and the ACCC's interim authorisation decision, is available on the [public register](#).

Next steps

The ACCC is interested in your views on how the interim authorisation is working so far. In particular:

- Is the Proposed Conduct working as expected?
- Is the Proposed Conduct taking place as described in the application and the interim authorisation decision?
- Are there any particular benefits or detriments that the Proposed Conduct is resulting in?
- Has your organisation engaged in the Proposed Conduct, and if so, what was your experience in doing so? If not, why not?

We would be grateful for your response by **1 May 2020** to ellie.dwyer@acc.gov.au. Alternatively, if you would like to provide feedback orally, please contact Ellie Dwyer on 03 9290 1874. We invite you to contact us following your initial response should there be any update.

Submissions, including oral submissions, will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion. Please see the ACCC's [Guidelines for excluding confidential information from the public register for authorisation and notification processes](#).

Yours sincerely

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