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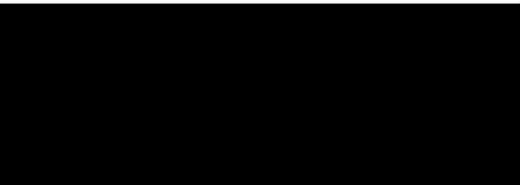
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Dear Mr Bell

### **Private Healthcare Australia (PHA) – application for authorisation AA1000487 – Fortnightly report to ACCC No 17**

1. We refer to our letter dated 10 February 2021 in which we provided fortnightly report no. 16 pursuant to condition 2 of the conditional authorisation granted to PHA by the Commission.
2. The purpose of this letter is to provide fortnightly report no. 17 which relates to the period from 1 February 2021 to 12 February 2021 and is set out in the **Annexure** to this letter and the **Attachment** to the Annexure.
3. The Annexure to this letter and the Attachment to the Annexure contain information that is confidential to PHA. This confidential information has been highlighted in the Annexure to this letter and in the Attachment to the Annexure in yellow highlighting. PHA requests that the ACCC treat the highlighted information as strictly confidential and that it be redacted from this document prior to publication on the ACCC's public register.

Please let us know if the ACCC has any questions.



Yours faithfully  
**MinterEllison**

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## Annexure 1 – Fortnightly Report to the ACCC No. 17

### 1. Report

- 1.1 This Fortnightly Report sets out the details of the following meeting that occurred during the period from 1 February 2021 to 12 February 2021:
- (a) Fortnightly CEO briefing on COVID-19.
- 1.2 The relevant details of this meeting set out below are the date of the meeting, attendees, agenda items that relate to the Proposed Conduct and a summary of the topics discussed that relate to the Proposed Conduct. The minutes of the meeting are set out as an Attachment to this report.

### 2. Fortnightly CEO briefing on COVID-19

2.1 *Date:* 1:00pm, 9 February 2021

2.2 *Attendees:*

- |     |                   |  |
|-----|-------------------|--|
| (a) | Rachel David      | Chief Executive Officer, PHA                   |
| (b) | John Hill         | Chair, PHA                                     |
| (c) | Byron Gregory     | Health Partners Limited                        |
| (d) | Ian Whitehead     | Latrobe Health Services Limited                |
| (e) | Gerard Op De Coul | Mildura Health Fund                            |
| (f) | Rohan Mead        | Australian Unity Health Limited                |
| (g) | Camilla Milazzo   | PHA  |
| (h) | Ben Harris        | PHA  |
| (i) | Justin James      | HIF Pty Ltd                                    |
| (j) | Adam Stock        | HBF Health Limited                             |
| (k) | Simone Tregeagle  | Railway & Transport Health Fund                |
| (l) | Gerard Fogarty    | Defence Health Limited                         |
| (m) | Amanda Lean       | BUPA GI Pty Ltd                                |
| (n) | Greg Morris       | AIA Health Insurance (MO Health Pty Ltd)       |
| (o) | Andrew Wilson     | Medibank Private Limited                       |
| (p) | Jen Eddy          | PHA  |
| (q) | Donna Carrington  | HBF Health Limited                             |
| (r) | Brad Joyce        | Teachers Health Fund                           |
| (s) | Mark Genovese     | Westfund Limited                               |
| (t) | Rob Seljak        | Queensland Teachers' Union Health Fund Limited |
| (u) | Sharon Waterhouse | Phoenix Health Fund Limited                    |
| (v) | David Brajkovic   | Australian Unity Health Limited                |
| (w) | Mark Valena       | GMHBA Limited                                  |
| (x) | Dario Molina      | CBHS Corporate Health Pty Ltd                  |

- (y) Chris Carroll
- (z) Jade Furness

2.3 *Agenda items:*

- (a) General Update
- (b) Update from Ben Harris
- (c) Update from Jen Eddy
- (d) Questions

2.4 *Summary:*

- (a) Dr David advised that a number of health reform consultations received in late December 2020 and gave a brief summary of the invitations to comment that PHA will provide submissions for. [REDACTED]
- (b) [REDACTED]
- (c) [REDACTED]
- (d) [REDACTED]
- (e) Ben Harris updated the group that he and others had spoken to hospital groups, Australian Medical Association and Allied Health Professionals Australia in relation to Prostheses reform.
- (f) Jen Eddy advised PHA budget submission that is underway includes new social media content daily. [REDACTED]

2.5 *Minutes:* the minutes of this meeting are in Attachment 1.

**3. Next Fortnightly Report**

3.1 PHA will submit the next fortnightly report pursuant to the conditional authorisation on Monday, **1 March 2021**.

## Attachment 1 – Fortnightly CEO briefing on COVID-19

### Fortnightly CEO briefing on COVID19 with Dr Rachel David, Private Healthcare Australia Ltd (PHA)

1pm, 9/2/2021

*Via teleconference*

#### Invitees

Rachel David	CEO, PHA
John Hill	Chair, PGA
Byron Gregory	Health Partners Limited
Ian Whitehead	Latrobe Health Services Limited
Gerard Op De Coul	Mildura Health Fund
Rohan Mead	Australian Unity Health Limited
Camilla Milazzo	PHA
Ben Harris	PHA
Justin James	HIF Pty Ltd
Adam Stock	HBF Health Limited
Simone Tregeagle	Railway & Transport Health Fund
Gerard Fogarty	Defence Health Limited
Amanda Lean	BUPA GI Pty Ltd
Greg Morris	AIA Health Insurance (MO Health Pty Ltd)
Andrew Wilson	Medibank Private Limited
Jen Eddy	PHA
Donna Carrington	HBF Health Limited
Brad Joyce	Teachers Health Fund
Mark Genovese	Westfund Limited
Rob Seljak	Queensland Teachers' Union Health Fund Limited
Sharon Waterhouse	Phoenix Health Fund Limited
David Brajkovic	Australian Unity Health Limited
Mark Valena	GMHBA Limited
Dario Molina	CBHS Corporate Health Pty Ltd
Chris Carroll	BUPA GI Pty Ltd (delegate of Emily Amos)
Jade Furness	HBF Health Limited

#### Open

The Chair, Mr John Hill opened the meeting at 1pm.

Mr Hill noted that the following people were apologies:

- John Van Der Wielen from HBF Health Limited
- Emily Amos from BUPA GI Pty Ltd
- Steve Chugg from CUA Health Limited
- Damien Mu from AIA Health Insurance (MO Health Pty Ltd)
- Andrew Smith from CBHS Health Fund Limited
- Paul Lupo from St. Lukes Health
- Sheena Jack from The Hospitals Contribution Fund of Australia Ltd

#### General Update

Dr Rachel David welcomed the group to the first CEO update for 2021 and advised that February has been eventful with a number of health reform and consultations out in the market. Dr David advised that the majority of requests for comment were received around the 20<sup>th</sup> December. [REDACTED]

Dr David gave a brief summary regarding the invitations to comment that PHA will provide submissions for.

Dr David also provided a brief update regarding the Federal Government's plan to extend the age of dependents to 30 years for Private Health Insurance. [REDACTED]

Dr David confirmed that PHA is promoting its budget submission and has issued public affairs officials with key issues.

**Ben Harris**

Mr Ben Harris informed the attendees that he, Dr David and Mr Craig Moy have spoken to the hospital groups, Australian Medical Association (**AMA**) and the Allied Health Professions Australia (**AHPA**) regarding the Prostheses reform [REDACTED]

Mr Harris also thanked those who provided feedback regarding the second wave of reforms for Private Health Insurance and advised a submission will be submitted shortly.

**Jen Eddy**

Ms Jen Eddy advised that the PHA budget submission is underway and includes new social media content daily. [REDACTED]

**Questions**



**The meeting closed at 1:15pm.**