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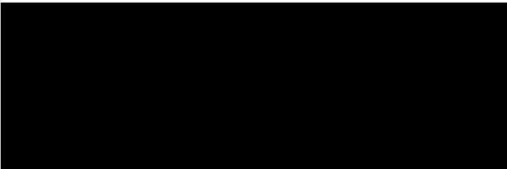
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Dear Mr Bell

### **Private Healthcare Australia (PHA) – application for authorisation AA1000487 – Fortnightly report to ACCC No 20**

1. We refer to our letter dated 15 March 2021 in which we provided fortnightly report no. 19 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. 20 which relates to the period from 15 March 2021 to 26 March 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**

Contact: Noelia Boscana



## Annexure 1 – Fortnightly Report to the ACCC No. 20

### 1. Report

- 1.1 This Fortnightly Report sets out the details of the following meeting that occurred during the period from 15 March 2021 to 26 March 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, 23 March 2021

2.2 *Attendees:*

- |     |                   |  |
|-----|-------------------|--|
| (a) | Rachel David      | Chief Executive Officer, PHA                     |
| (b) | John Hill         | Chair, PHA                                       |
| (c) | Hannah Vincent    | Latrobe Health Services Limited                  |
| (d) | Gerard Op De Coul | Mildura Health Fund                              |
| (e) | Rohan Mead        | Australian Unity Health Limited                  |
| (f) | Camilla Milazzo   | PHA  |
| (g) | Ben Harris        | PHA  |
| (h) | Adam Stock        | HBF Health Limited                               |
| (i) | Simone Treggeagle | Railway & Transport Health Fund                  |
| (j) | Amanda Lean       | BUPA GI Pty Ltd                                  |
| (k) | Greg Morris       | AIA Health Insurance (MO Health Pty Ltd)         |
| (l) | Donna Carrington  | HBF Health Limited                               |
| (m) | Deng Gichuru      | Westfund Limited                                 |
| (n) | Rob Seljak        | Queensland Teachers' Union Health Fund Limited   |
| (o) | Sharon Waterhouse | Phoenix Health Fund Limited                      |
| (p) | Dario Molina      | CBHS Corporate Health Pty Ltd                    |
| (q) | Chris Carroll     | BUPA GI Pty Ltd                                  |
| (r) | Jade Furness      | HBF Health Limited                               |
| (s) | Damien Mu         | AIA Health Insurance                             |
| (t) | Andrew Smith      | CBHS Health Fund Limited                         |
| (u) | Sheena Jack       | The Hospitals Contribution Fund of Australia Ltd |
| (v) | Jennifer Eddy     | PHA  |
| (w) | Mark Genovese     | Westfund Limited                                 |
| (x) | Paul Lupo         | St Lukes Health                                  |

(y) Steve Chugg CUA Health Limited

2.3 *Agenda items:*

- (a) General Update
- (b) Ben Harris
- (c) Media Update

2.4 *Summary:*

- (a) Dr David provided an update on the dependant age increase, specifically that the Greens party have requested a rebranding of the definition of disability. The legislation will need to be debated in the Senate in May so will not pass on 1 April.
- (b) Dr David also provided an update on the Prostheses reform work and PHA's discussions with the Department of Health. [REDACTED]
- (c) Mr Harris advised that he is working on the Prostheses reform [REDACTED]
- (d) Ms Eddy advised that messaging will be on Facebook and Instagram regarding April premium increases.

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

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

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

1pm, 23/3/2021

*Via teleconference*

#### Invitees

Rachel David	PHA
John Hill	PHA
Hannah Vincent	Latrobe Health Services Limited
Gerard Op De Coul	Mildura Health Fund
Rohan Mead	Australian Unity Health Limited
Camilla Milazzo	PHA
Ben Harris	PHA
Adam Stock	HBF Health Limited
Simone Tregeagle	Railway & Transport Health Fund
Amanda Lean	BUPA GI Pty Ltd
Greg Morris	AIA Health Insurance (MO Health Pty Ltd)
Donna Carrington	HBF Health Limited
Deng Gichuru	Westfund Limited
Rob Seljak	Queensland Teachers' Union Health Fund Limited
Sharon Waterhouse	Phoenix Health Fund Limited
Dario Molina	CBHS Corporate Health Pty Ltd
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Jennifer Eddy	PHA
Mark Genovese	Westfund Limited
Paul Lupo	St Lukes Health
Steve Chugg	CUA Health Limited

#### Open

The CEO, Dr Rachel David opened the meeting at 1pm.

#### General Update

Dr Rachel David provided a general update to the group and advised that the two main updates are the Dependant age increase and Prostheses reform.

#### **Dependant age increase**

Dr David advised that the Australian Greens are requesting a rebranding of the definition of disability. Due to the continued discussion, the Bill has now been deemed controversial and will be debated at the Senate in May. As such, the legislation will not meet the original 1 April deadline.

### **Prostheses reform**

Dr David provided an update regarding the Prostheses reform work and advised that PHA has heard back from the Department of Health on a couple of fronts. [REDACTED]

Dr David concluded her update by advising the PHA is establishing a communications campaign which will be partially dependent on the government outcome. [REDACTED]

### **Ben Harris**

Mr Ben Harris advised that he continues to work on the Prostheses reform [REDACTED]

### **Media Update**

Ms Jennifer Eddy advised that messaging will be released on Facebook and Instagram regarding the April Premiums.

**The meeting closed at 1:12pm.**