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Dear Ms Dwyer

## Private Healthcare Australia (PHA) – application for authorisation AA1000487 – Fortnightly report to ACCC No 8

- 1. We refer to our letter dated 16 September 2020 in which we provided an updated version of the seventh fortnightly report pursuant to condition 2 of the conditional interim authorisation granted to PHA by the Commission.
- The purpose of this letter is to provide the eighth fortnightly report which relates to the period from 7 September to 18 September 2020 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. It constitutes information that does not relate to the Proposed Conduct. 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. 8

## 1. Report

- 1.1 This Fortnightly Report sets out the details of the following meeting that occurred during the period from 7 September 2020 to 18 September 2020:
  - (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, 7 September 2020
- 2.2 Attendees:

(a)	Rachel David	Chief Executive Officer, PHA
(b)	John Hill	Chair, PHA
(c)	Sharon Waterhouse	Phoenix Health Fund Limited
(d)	Mark Fitzgibbon	nib Health Funds Ltd
(e)	Barbara Cruz	Railway & Transport Health Fund
(f)	Matt Walsh	Australian Unity Health Limited
(g)	Greg Morris	AIA Health Insurance (MO Health Pty Ltd)
(h)	Dario Molina	CBHS Corporate Health Pty Ltd
(i)	Byron Gregory	Health Partners Limited
(j)	Brad Joyce	Teachers Health Fund
(k)	Andrew Smith	CBHS Health Fund Limited
<b>(l)</b>	Paul Lupo	St. Lukes Health
(m)	lan Whitehead	Latrobe Health Services Limited
(n)	Gerard Op De Coul	Mildura Health Fund
(o)	Rohan Mead	Australian Unity Health Limited
(p)	Camilla Milazzo	PHA
(p)	Jen Eddy	PHA
(r)	Ben Harris	PHA
(s)	Justin James	HIF Pty Ltd
(t)	Rob Seljak	Queensland Teachers' Union Health Fund Limited
(u)	Adam Stock	HBF Health Limited
(v)	Simone Tregeagle	Railway & Transport Health Fund
(w)	Lisa Minchin	PHA
(x)	Tim Tez	AIA Health Insurance (MO Health Pty Ltd)

## 2.3 Agenda items:

- (a) General update
- (b) Update by Ben Harris
- (c) Questions

#### 2.4 Summary:

- (a) Dr David provided an update regarding the COVID-19 crisis and discussed the 1 October 2020 and 1 April 2021 premium increases.
- (b) The group discussed the growth in prostheses throughout COVID-19.
- (c) The group discussed other non-COVID related industry issues such as the General Miscellaneous Review of the Prostheses List and second tier default payments.
- 2.5 Minutes: the minutes of this meeting are in Attachment 1.

## 3. Next Fortnightly Report

PHA will submit the next fortnightly report pursuant to the conditional interim authorisation on Monday, 5 October 2020.

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

# Fortnightly CEO briefing on COVID19 with Dr Rachel David, Private Healthcare Australia Ltd (PHA) 1pm, 7/09/2020

Via teleconference

#### **Invitees**

Rachel David CEO, PHA
John Hill Chair, PHA

Sharon Waterhouse Phoenix Health Fund Limited

Mark Fitzgibbon nib Health Funds Ltd

Barbara Cruz Railway & Transport Health Fund Matt Walsh Australian Unity Health Limited

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### **Open**

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

Mr Hill noted the apology received from Gerard Fogarty of Defence Health Limited, Andrew Wilson of Medibank Private Limited, John Van Der Wielen of HBF Health Limited and Emily Amos from BUPA HI Pty Ltd.

## **General update**

Dr David provided an update regarding the COVID-19 crisis.



Dr David also advised that Prostheses is the only area that has grown throughout the COVID-19 crisis.
A brief discussion was had regarding:
<ul> <li>revisiting the General Miscellaneous Review of the Prostheses List;</li> <li>negotiations;</li> </ul>
second tier default payments;
Update by Ben Harris
Mr Harris informed the group that he will be attending the Prostheses List Advisory Council meeting on Thursday.
<u>Questions</u>

The meeting closed at 1:23pm.