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Ms. Isabelle Arnaud
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Dear Ms. Arnaud

Re: Draft Determination – A91078

Our agency has had the opportunity to contribute to submissions made by two of our peak bodies being VHA and VHIA. My Board considered your draft determination at their meeting 26th March, and have requested that I put our agencies position more strongly than the current positions as put by our peak bodies.

Our agency strongly supports the determination that RDAA should negotiate VMO contracts on behalf of our doctors directly with our central agencies being Department of Human Services and VHIA.

We have two reservations so far as the draft determination currently stands:

- 1/ That the determination should not be for five years. We would suggest that the determination could be open-ended with say annual review. In the current format, there is no obligation for central negotiation, meaning the determination may be superfluous for five years. Alternatively if the process is successful, we would prefer less doubt that the process would continue.
- 2/ That DHS agree to any outcome being fully funded (as is currently the case with centrally negotiated EBAs).

Thank you for the opportunity to have input to this process.

Yours sincerely

Bart Ruyter
Chief Executive Officer