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**From:** John Alati  
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**To:** Dalins, Marie; Adjudication  
**Cc:** D'Ettorre, Gina  
**Subject:** Re: A91392 - AMA - application for re-authorisation re: submission from NT Health

Dear Adjudication Branch

The AMA acknowledges the submission from the Northern Territory Department of Health regarding Application A91100. We acknowledge the position put by the Northern Territory Health Department that it does not engage GPs as VMOs in its rural hospitals to any great extent.

Nonetheless, the AMA sees value in including the Northern Territory in this application should this approach change. We see this as an important safeguard to cover this possibility during the life of the authorisation, noting that health departments often look at new models of care and service delivery. If this were to happen, the AMA would be able to engage constructively in discussions regarding such a move.

We note that NT Health is prepared to engage with the AMA in negotiating VMO rates should the need arise, and we believe this is sufficient support for the situation, even if hypothetical at this stage.

Should you have any queries, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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