



APHA Vital Signs

A WEEKLY ROUND-UP OF NEWS VITAL TO THE PRIVATE HOSPITAL INDUSTRY

11 August 2013

Meeting with Victorian Minister

Last week, APHA'S CEO, Michael Roff, met with the Victorian Minister for Health, the Hon David Davis MP.

Issues discussed included the evaluation and extension of the Victorian Competitive Elective Surgery Funding Initiative, the review of private hospital licensing legislation and impacts flowing from the introduction of Activity Base Funding and the National Safety & Quality Health Service Standards.

Victorian Competitive Elective Surgery Funding Initiative

Last week, the Industry Advisory Panel which provides oversight of the Victorian Competitive Elective Surgery Funding Initiative received a preliminary report evaluating the \$9 million pilot program conducted in the first half of 2013. As announced in the Victorian Budget earlier this year, funding has been extended for this program and \$15 million will be made available for surgical services to be provided in the first half of 2014. While details are still to be finalised, it is likely that the Department of Health will be conducting a Request for Submission process sometime around September 2013.

New Version (1.10.1.0) of Check-It 2 Released

The Department of Health and Ageing has advised that the Check-It 2 validation program has been updated and is available for download from the Department's website:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-casemix-hcp-hcpchecker.htm>

This version is built to handle data submissions for the following months: July – October 2013.

HCP/PHDB Data File Submissions – New Data Portal

The Department of Health and Ageing has advised that as part of the Department's enterprise data warehouse project a new data submission portal is being introduced to handle data submissions. This is currently projected to be launched on 1 November 2013. The new portal will also conduct the data validation previously performed by Check-It 2 and replace the existing HCP email inbox/HCP secure web portal as the only way to submit your PHDB, HCP1, HCP2 and GT-Dental data files.

More detailed information and support arrangement advice will be provided prior to the launch of the portal.

Furthermore, the Department has requested all HCP/PHDB data providers to update their contact details. For further information, please follow the link below:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-phicirculars2013-51>

Timing of Round 16 Private Sector NHDC

Following the identification of a technical issue in relations with the costing and resultant cost weight table, IHPA has advised a revised timeline (below) for the release of the Round 16 Private Sector National Hospital Cost Data Collection report.

| Milestone | Date |
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| Conduct service Weight Testing | 1 - 7 August 2013 |
| Record hospitals | 8 – 26 August 2013 |
| Perform QA checks on the data | 8 – 28 August 2013 |
| Perform analysis on the population | 28 – 30 August 2013 |
| Share data with hospitals | 30 August 2013 |
| Collect feedback and share with IHPA | 30 – 13 September 2013 |
| IHPA clearance | 9 – 13 September 2013 |
| Release public report and participants pack | 17 September 2013 |

DVA Primary Health Care Circular - Issue 2- Medical and Allied Health Professionals

The second edition of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Primary Health Care Circular 2013 is now available online via:

http://www.dva.gov.au/service_providers/phcc/Documents/phcc2_aug_2013.pdf

This edition contains information that will assist health professionals and service providers to do business easier with the department, interact with the veteran community and receive advice regarding DVA's administrative processes.

Private Hospital Magazine – December 2013 Edition

APHA is looking for articles for the December 2013 Edition of *Private Hospital Magazine* and would love to hear from your hospital.

The theme for this edition focuses on community involvement from individuals within your hospitals. Here is your chance to feature and show off your wonderful staff and how they relate to your community and any other newsworthy happenings at your facility.

Submissions for the magazine should be around 450 words in length and should be accompanied with high resolution photographs. The deadline for submissions is 14 October 2013.

Please email [Lyndal Bailey](mailto:Lyndal.Bailey@dva.gov.au) with your ideas for articles.

On the Radar - Issue 138

On the Radar is a summary of some of the recent publications in the areas of safety and quality in health care. Some of this week's content includes:

Variation in Health Care Spending: Target Decision Making, Not Geography

By Us, For Us: The power of co-design and co-delivery

Variations in health care, patient preferences, and high-quality decision making

'Care left undone' during nursing shifts: associations with workload and perceived quality of care

On the Radar is available via email or as a PDF document from

<http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-resources/on-the-radar/>