



APHA Vital Signs

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

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Victorian Hospitals - Allied Health Student Placements - Hospital Registrations close June 7th

Hospitals in Victoria who currently have allied health student placements or who are interested in accepting student placements are advised that they should ensure that they are registered with the Victorian Government's centralised placement planning process (viCPlace). Advice about additional allied health disciplines participating in planning in 2013 will be provided after 14 June, pending registration from other interested disciplines. Registration can be accessed at <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/placements/planning.htm>. Further details were provided to APHA members via a Members Bulletin (31 May).

Jurisdictions and ACSQHC Seek Harmonisation of Legislative and Regulatory Requirements

In response to long running concerns raised by APHA about the diversity and duplication of legislative and regulatory requirements for private hospitals, the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission) has engaged PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) to undertake a review of the legislative and regulatory frameworks and policies regarding private hospital registration throughout Australia. PwC will:

- Compare and contrast the legislative and regulatory frameworks and policies regarding private hospital legislation throughout Australia, and
- Provide recommendations regarding opportunities to harmonise arrangements to minimise the administrative burdens on jurisdictions and private hospitals in light of the implementation of the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards.

Recommendations will be considered by a working group of jurisdictions.

Release of Revised Data Specifications For The 2012/13 HCP, HCP1 And PHDB Data Collections - Effective 1 July 2013

Private Health Insurance (Data Provision) Rules 2012 and the *Private Health Insurance (Health Insurance Business) Rules 2010* have been amended to give effect to changes in The 2012/13 HCP, HCP1 And PHDB Data Collections. The *Private Health Insurance (Data Provision) Amendment Rules 2013 (No. 1)* were registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments (FRLI) on 14 May 2013 and commence on 1 July 2013 (F2013L00771). The *Private Health Insurance (Health Insurance Business) Amendment Rules 2013 (No. 1)* were registered on FRLI on 15 May 2013 and commence on 1 July 2013 (F2013L00775).

The *Private Health Insurance (Data Provision) Amendment Rules 2013 (No. 1)* and *Private Health Insurance (Health Insurance Business) Amendment Rules 2013 (No. 1)* can be found on the [ComLaw website](#).

The changes made to the HCP, HCP1 and PHDB data specifications are minor and specifications have been developed with the agreement and advice of insurers, service providers and software vendors. For more information about the changes, please see [PHI Circular 27/13](#).

The specifications approved on 9 May can be found on the Department's [website](#) by using the

links below:

[HCP Data from Hospitals to Insurers](#)
[HCP1 Data from Insurers to the Department](#)
[PHDB Data from Private Hospitals to the Department](#)

If you require further information please telephone: (02) 6289 9853/24 hr answering machine or email the enquiry to [Private Health Insurance Branch](#).

HWA Survey of Mental Health Peer Workers

Health Workforce Australia (HWA) is working with the National Mental Health Commission (NMHC) to understand how peer workers are contributing to the provision of mental health services. To assist with this project, information will be gathered from peer workers through an online survey. The focus is on mental health peer workers employed and paid, whose position responsibilities involve the direct sharing of their lived experience as a consumer or carer with others. The survey will be open in the week beginning 3 June 2013 for a period of four weeks, closing on 30 June 2013. The survey can be reached via <http://www.hwaconnect.net.au/>

NBA Encourages Private Hospitals to Minimise Wastage

On 21 May, the National Blood Authority (NBA) held a private sector forum to highlight to private hospitals and pathology services the range of supports available to reduce wastage of blood products. The NBA has sent all hospitals using Bloodnet feedback on usage and discard rates to encourage practice improvement. A range of guidelines and supports including case studies are available [online](#).

NBA will also host one day events in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide in September to assist health providers in implementing Standard 7-Blood and Blood Products of the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards. Registration closes 9 September and limited places are available. Visit [National Blood Symposiums 2013](#) for the latest program and to register for this event.

NSW Private Hospitals Inpatient Statistics Collections – PHISCo

The Private Hospitals Inpatient Statistics collection application (PHISCo) will provide a path for licensed private health facilities to submit Inpatient Statistics Collection (ISC) data to NSW Ministry of Health.

This application will replace the current method of data loading with a more independent approach allowing the individual private facilities to load and review their own data in a more transparent way.

PHISCo will replace ISCOS and become the mandated mechanism for the submission of ISC data for licensed private health facilities.

The private facility will be able to log onto a public website

- load the mandatory inpatient data,
- review the data for errors and
- submit the data to NSW Ministry of Health.

There will be a number of reports that will summarise the activity of the private facility.

Private Hospital Magazine – August 2013 Edition

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

The theme of this edition is Cancer Care. Here is your chance to feature and show off current events, services, new developments and projects. It is also a good opportunity to explain to the readership the valuable contribution that private hospitals are making to the health industry across the country. We are happy to highlight other things happening at your hospital, even if it doesn't fit the current theme.

Submissions for the magazine should be between 450-900 words in length and should be accompanied with high resolution photographs. The deadline for submissions is 17 June 2013.

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

On the Radar - Issue 128

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:

Literature Review on Integrating Quality and Safety into Hospital Pricing Systems

Hand hygiene compliance: the elephant in the room

Standardized Clinical Assessment and Management Plans (SCAMPs) provide a better alternative to clinical practice guidelines

Role of public and private funding in the rising caesarean section rate: a cohort study

On the Radar is available via email or as a PDF document from <http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-resources/on-the-radar/>