



1 July 2012

Meeting with ACSQHC

On 28 June, Michael Roff, APHA CEO and Christine Gee, APHA Chair of Council, met with Debora Picone, CEO and Mike Wallace, COO of the Australian Commission for Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC).

APHA raised concerns about progress towards the implementation of the National Accreditation regime, due to commence on 1 January 2013, and the lack of clear communications from the Commission which was causing some confusion within the sector.

Ms Picone assured APHA that all details would be finalised shortly and undertook to send a clear communiqué to private hospitals following the next meeting of the Board of ACSQHC in early August. This would specify the requirements for organisations in the transition to the new regime and provide details of all information and advice available from the ACSQHC. The Commission is currently establishing an advice line for use by hospitals and will also provide assistance and support in the field.

Next Second Tier Advisory Committee Meeting

The next Second Tier Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Friday, 31 August 2012. The closing date for applications is **Friday, 10 August 2012**. Information which must be included in applications is outlined in the *Second Tier Default Benefits Application Guide 2011* located on the Australian Private Hospitals Association website at: <http://www.apha.org.au/advocacy/resources/>.

PHI 46/12 Private Health Insurers' Second Tier Default Benefit Rates Annual Audit

Private health insurers are reminded that annual lists of un-audited Second Tier Default Benefit rates, from 1 September 2012 to 30 August 2013, are due to the Department of Health and Ageing by **31 August 2012**. The audited rates, along with a statement from the auditor stating that the rates have been calculated in accordance with Schedule 5 of the *Private Health Insurance (Benefit Requirements) Rules 2011*, are due to the Department and the Private Health Insurance Administration Council (PHIAC) by **30 September 2012**.

PHI 47/12 Private Health Insurance (Benefit Requirements) Amendment Rules 2012

(No. 4) - Changes to Second Tier Eligible Hospitals

The *Private Health Insurance (Benefit Requirements) Amendment Rules 2012 (No. 4)* (the Rules) were registered with the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments (FRLI) on 20 June 2012 and commence on 1 July 2012.

PHI 48/12 Changes to the Private Health Insurance (Benefit Requirements) Rules

Overnight accommodation benefits and same day accommodation benefits at private hospitals and public hospitals. Increases to overnight accommodation benefits and same day accommodation benefits at private hospitals and public hospitals have been made to reflect the March 2011 to March 2012 Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase. The Benefit Requirements Amendment Rules update the minimum benefit payable per night for patients in private hospitals in all States/Territories and shared ward accommodation at public hospitals in Victoria and Tasmania, providing that the patient

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A CEO Checklist for High-Value Health Care

Designing incentives for good-quality hospital care

Improved Functional Outcomes for Major Trauma Patients in a Regionalized, Inclusive Trauma System

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