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Health Portfolio Budget Statements 2012-2013

APHA has done a summary of the Health Portfolio Budget Statements for 2012-2013. To read the summary of key announcements click here: <http://www.apha.org.au/2009/03/events-item/>

ACSQHC call for Expressions of Interest

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC) is seeking written expressions of interest from healthcare organisations to pilot electronic structured microbiology requests and reports to support clinical management and surveillance of HAI in their hospital/s.

The pilots will implement the core information components for electronic surveillance of Healthcare Associated Infections in hospitals, and report on their utility, and on elements where improvements or modifications are required.

If anyone is interested in further information please contact APHA Research and Data Manager Mehrdad.Khodai@apha.org.au.

PHI Circular 31/12 - Release of updated CheckIt2 version 1.9.0.1

This circular is to advise that the CheckIt2 validation program has been updated and will be available on the Department's website from 30 April 2011.

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

PHI Circular 32/12 - Amendment to the Private Health Insurance (PROSTHESES) Amendment Rules 2012 (No. 2)

The purpose of this Circular is to inform stakeholders of an amendment to the Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Rules (No.1). The amended Private Health Insurance (Prostheses) Amendment Rules (No. 2) was registered on 4 May 2012 and commenced on 7 May 2012. To view the Circulars, go to: <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-phicirculars2012-index1>

PHI Circular 33/12 - Classification of Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) item 42738 (intravitreal injection) in the Private Health Insurance (Benefit Requirements) Rules 2011

The Department seeks Private Health Insurers' views on the effect of item 42738 being classified in the Rules as a Type C procedure, and specifically what effect this would have on patients and whether there is scope to ameliorate any detrimental impact on patients.

It should be noted that item 42738 is a 'hospital-substitute' service as described in Part 3 Rule 10 of the *Private Health Insurance (Health Insurance Business) Rules 2010*. This means that under the Rule, Private Health Insurers can provide benefits for this service when performed outside of hospital. Insurers may wish to comment on whether this arrangement provides any benefit in

practice in this instance.

Any comments and views on the classification of item 42738 should be submitted by **8 June 2012**. Should you require further information or clarification, please email richard.magor@health.gov.au. To view this Circular go to: <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-phicirculars2012-index1>

The Private Health Insurance Ombudsman (PHIO) Quarterly Bulletin 62: 1 January to 31 March 2012

The PHIO bulletin is now available from: <http://www.phio.org.au/whats-new/whats-new/quarterly-bulletin-62-1-january-2012-to-31-march-2012.aspx>

Topics covered in this Bulletin include:

- Complaint statistics;
- April premium increase;
- Information gathering;
- Freedom of Information; and
- Direct debit mistakes.

Labelling Recommendations - Evaluation of sterile label adherence to reusable containers

ACSQHC are providing the above information to assist in labelling implementation but do not endorse any proprietary products. The full evaluation is available on the ACSQHC web site in the section titled 'Labelling in the preoperative area' go to:

<http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/medication-safety/user-applied-labelling/support-materials/>

On the Radar - Issue 79

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:

Can patients report patient safety incidents in a hospital setting? A systematic review

Factors predicting change in hospital safety climate and capability in a multi-site patient safety collaborative: a longitudinal survey study

Identifying and categorising patient safety hazards in cardiovascular operating rooms using an interdisciplinary approach: a multisite study

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

Epworth HealthCare - Pain Symposium

Epworth HealthCare is presenting a collaboration of the Critical Care, Rehabilitation and Neurosciences Clinical Institutes and presenting the *Pain Symposium* on the 1st June 2012. The focus of this full day symposium will be across both acute and chronic pain management new advances and technologies, models of pain services, psychiatric management of pain and future developments. To register, and for more information visit www.epworth.eventix.com.au.