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APHA Makes Submission on the proposals for the regulations and rules for the PCEHR system

APHA has made a submission to the PCEHR Legislation Issues Feedback, Department of Health and Ageing on the proposals for the regulations and rules for the PCEHR system. The *“Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record System: Proposal for Regulations and Rules”* outlines Regulations and Rules proposed to be made under the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records Bill 2011 (‘PCEHR Bill’).

In this submission, APHA has outlined its views and concerns on the following issues:

1. Nomination of members for the Independent Advisory Council (IAC);
2. Clarification and detailed explanation regarding the rules that provide the Minister with the power to bypass the IAC, all together, without being accountable for making such decision;
3. Ever increasing rules regarding the participation requirements from healthcare providers and healthcare provider organisation;
4. Lack of involvement of healthcare provider organisations such as hospitals in the decision-making process; and
5. Lack of incentive programs to assist with the significant cost that the PCEHR will impose on providers such as private hospitals.

To read the submission, go to <http://www.apha.org.au/advocacy/submissions/>

Second Tier Renewal Reminder

Please note that the Second Tier status of some private hospital facilities is due to expire on 30 June 2012. APHA recently sent a reminder email to those facilities that are members, the closing date for applications is Friday 4th May 2012. Those hospitals wishing to apply for continued eligibility need to submit an application to the Department of Health and Ageing. The details regarding the process and a proforma application can be down loaded from: <http://www.apha.org.au/advocacy/resources/sample-application-2012-updated/>

Should you require further information please contact Andrea Versteegen at APHA on andrea.versteegen@apha.org.au or 02 6273 9000.

HWA Request for Proposal in an Expanding Workforce Scope Initiatives

Health Workforce Australia (HWA) is inviting organisations to respond to the Request for Proposal (RFP) in an Expanding Workforce Scope Initiatives.

The role of the implementation site will be to implement and evaluate an expanded scope of practice physiotherapist role that is intended for national uptake. If selected the organisations will be funded by HWA to collaborate with a Lead Organisation and funded to implement the model already in place in that Lead Organisation. This will mean undertaking corresponding workforce reform measures over an 18 month period and inform the evidence-base in implementing

workforce models that are intended for large scale national uptake.

HWA is making available a total of \$1.3million in funding for this RFP, to be distributed amongst the successful respondent to the RFPs. For more information go to: <https://www.hwa.gov.au/work-programs/workforce-innovation-and-reform/extended-scope-of-practice-project/requests-for-proposals>

PHAQ Conference Registration open

Private Hospitals Association of Queensland (PHAQ) Conference Registration Program is now open for the **9th Innovative Practice in the Private Sector Conference & 5th Quality & Safety in Action Conference**.

The Conferences are being held from 18-19 June 2012 at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. The closing date for registrations is Friday 8 June 2012. To register go to: www.phaq.org

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