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### **AIHW report: Australia's health 2012 now available**

*Australia's health 2012* is the thirteenth biennial health report of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. It is the most comprehensive and authoritative source of national information on health in Australia. To view the report: <http://www.aihw.gov.au/media-release-detail/?id=10737422190>

### **Review of The Health Records Regulations 2002 - Victorian Department of Health**

These regulations addressing fees a private sector organisation may charge for granting access to health information and related matters expired on 12 June 2012. It is proposed that they be remade, with some changes to the maximum fees permitted. Comments have been invited to the Department by 5.00 pm 13 July 2012. The draft regulations and Regulatory Impact Statement can be accessed at [www.health.vic.gov.au/healthrecords/regs](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/healthrecords/regs)

### **Private Hospital Collective Bargaining Group (PHCBG)**

On 28 February 2012 the Private Hospital Collective Bargaining Group (PHCBG) applied for authorisation to collectively negotiate contract terms on behalf of independent private hospitals and small private hospital groups with medical suppliers and other businesses such as health insurers, and to share certain information for the purpose of benchmarking. A draft determination has been published for comment by the ACCC: <http://www.accc.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/1036396/fromItemId/278039>

### **National Efficient Price**

The inaugural National Efficient Price (NEP) Determination 2012-13 and the Pricing Framework were released by Independent Hospital Pricing Authority on 8 June 2012. The Determination will underpin the introduction of activity based funding for Commonwealth funded public hospital services nationally from 1 July, 2012. For more: <http://www.ihsa.gov.au/internet/ihsa/publishing.nsf/Content/NEP-determ-12-13>

### **Release of Final Data Specifications for HCP and PHDB 2012-13 Data Collections**

This circular releases the final specifications for the Hospital Casemix Protocol (HCP) and Private Hospitals Data Bureau (PHDB) data collections. The data specifications commence on **1 November 2012** and can be found at: <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-casemix-datacollections-about-HCP>

### **ACHS Education: Upcoming Education Events – Sydney**

The Australian Council on Healthcare Standards has upcoming education events in Sydney. These include:

**25 July 2012:** Establishing Clinical Audit for Quality and the National Standards

**7 August 2012:** 'EQuIP5: Understanding Criterion 1.5.7: Nutrition'

**15 August 2012:** Accreditation for Mental Health Services

The ACHS Education calendar the remainder of 2012 is now available online at:

<http://www.achs.org.au/EduCalendarmonth/>

### **On the Radar - Issue 84**

*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 edition includes:

*Patients' Preferences Matter: Stop the silent misdiagnosis*

*Primary Care: Today and Tomorrow: Improving general practice by working differently*

*US model for hospital care at home reduces costs and increases patient satisfaction*

*Technological approaches to improving care*

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

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