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Committee Secretary - Senate
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Re: Health Insurance Amendment (Professional Services Review Scheme) Bill 2023

Dear Committee Secretary,

The Australian College of Mental Health Nurses appreciates the streamlining of the appointment of Associate Directors (replacing Directors) as ministerial appointments to the PSR.

We however reference line 23 as follows:

83A Associate Directors of Professional Services Review

- (1) The Minister may appoint a medical practitioner to be an Associate Director of Professional Services Review.

As a representative body in the healthcare sector we request further clarification of the term 'medical practitioner'. The leaning of such reference is towards a medical Doctor.

We recommend a clarification of the term 'medical practitioner' and further for the bill to further define the applicability of senior nurses.

The College referencing specifically nurses of Credentialed and of Nurse Practitioner level.

Yours in mental health

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