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Health Legislation Amendment (Improved Medicare Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2025

Osteopathy and Osteopathy Australia

Osteopaths in Australia are university-qualified allied health practitioners registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra). Osteopaths complete either a dual bachelor's or bachelor's and master's qualification covering functions of anatomy, biomechanics, human movement, the musculoskeletal and neurological systems, as well as clinical intervention approaches, biomedical science including pharmacology which are all underpinned by a biopsychosocial management approach.

Osteopathy Australia is the peak body representing the interests of osteopaths, osteopathy as a profession, and consumer's rights to access osteopathic services. Our core work is liaising with state and federal government and all other statutory agencies, professional bodies, and private industry regarding professional, educational, legislative, and regulatory issues. Most registered osteopaths are members of Osteopathy Australia.

Osteopathy Australia's feedback

Osteopathy Australia thanks the Parliament of Australia for providing us with the opportunity to respond to the Health Legislation Amendment (Improved Medicare Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2025 (Health Legislation Amendment Bill).

Osteopathy Australia has no material objections to the proposed amendments presented in the Health Legislation Amendment Bill. We support strong and transparent regulatory measures to support best practice and uphold sustainable schemes.

However, we recommend a strong communication and educational campaign be developed alongside the implementation process to ensure practitioner understanding and compliance with any changes. Responsibility for the creation of these resources should be held by The Department of Health and Aged Care, Medicare, the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and any other associated department. These resources could



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involve the creation of educational documents that outline the specific changes, what the implications are for practitioners and what actions they may need to take. Likewise, the production of an interactive webinar would be useful for communicating these changes and would provide practitioners with the opportunity to ask questions and comprehensively understand the changes. Peak associations should be leveraged and collaborated with to help distribute educational resources and to help inform and educate their respective professions once provided with these resources.

Osteopathy Australia would again like to thank the Parliament of Australia for the opportunity for consultation. For any additional information or comments, please get in touch with us by phone at 02 9410 0099 or by email at clinicalpolicy@osteopathy.org.au.