



Declaration of Quality Assurance Activity under section 124X of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* – QAA 6/2017

I, ANTHONY HOBBS, delegate of the Minister for Health, make this declaration under section 124X of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

Dated: 6 November 2017

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Part 1 Preliminary

1. Name of Declaration

This Declaration is the *Declaration of Quality Assurance Activity under section 124X of the Health Insurance Act 1973 – QAA 6/2017*.

2. Commencement

This Declaration commences on the day after registration.

3. Cessation

This Declaration will cease to be in force as if repealed at the end of 5 years after the Declaration is signed.

4. Authority

This Declaration is made under the section 124X of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

5. Declaration of quality assurance activity

A quality assurance activity described in the Schedule to this Declaration is declared to be a quality assurance activity to which Part VC of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* applies.

Schedule

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1 Title

ANZCA Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program – Practice Evaluation

Description:

The Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program – Practice Evaluation is managed by the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA). The activity consists of self-directed and practice based learning activities required to be undertaken by anaesthetists and pain medicine specialists participating in the ANZCA CPD program.

The activity improves patient outcomes by providing medical specialists with the opportunity to study, analyse and audit selected aspects of their clinical performance. The activity allows review across the scope of practice of an anaesthetist and/or pain medicine physician, to ensure the best possible standard of practice and to maintenance of clinical standards on an ongoing basis.

The direct observations and clinical audits of a clinical practice form the basis of recommendations for improved clinical care. The audits may be repeated to monitor the implementation of recommendations.

The activity includes four key practice evaluation components, providing a framework for specialists to identify areas for improvement in their practice. Two of these four components are mandatory to be completed during a three year cycle (triennium) of practice:

- Patient experience survey
- Multi-source feedback
- Peer review of practice
- Clinical audit of own practice or significant input into a group audit of practice

ANZCA will publish an annual audit of non-identifying information from the CPD program. A copy of this report will be forwarded to the Minister and will also be published in ANZCA's quarterly Bulletin magazine, the College's Annual Report and on the College website.