

Mr Darren Viskovich
 Secretariat and Licencing Officer
 Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

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Dear Mr Viskovich,

We write to provide a response on the *Consultation Paper on the Pricing Framework for Australian Public Hospital Services 2020-21*. Exercise & Sports Science Australia (ESSA) is the only accrediting body and peak professional organisation for over 7,000 Accredited Exercise Physiologists (AEP), Exercise Scientists (AES), Sports Scientists and High Performance Managers.

Exercise physiology has not previously been included in the professions listed under the scope of Non-admitted Care (Tier 2). NSW Health, in their response to the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority Non-Admitted Care Costing Study, Public consultation paper 1– 30 April 2019, noted:



Exercise Physiology

- NSW notes there is no section for Exercise Physiology and recommends the inclusion of an intervention list specific for the speciality. Please include the following interventions:

Tier 2 Intervention class code	Interventions	Inclusions	Exclusions
01-0008	Acute and persistent pain management therapy		Chronic pain management procedures
05-0023	Cardiac rehabilitation		

ESSA supports this recommendation by NSW Health. Additionally, ‘Exercise Physiology’ (23-0023) should be removed as an intervention within Psychology classification.

The inclusion of an intervention list specific for Exercise Physiology will enhance data collection, analysis and reporting to inform workforce planning and service delivery. Currently Exercise Physiology is incorrectly charged to the psychology classification, inflating those numbers. Additionally, data which singles out the use of Exercise Physiology is needed so that workforce planning can occur, more accurate information is available for budgeting, for Local Hospital Area use and to determine exactly what conditions Exercise Physiology is being used for to enhance workforce design and planning into the future.

We hope the pricing authority will give the information we have provided due consideration. Please don’t hesitate to contact katie.lyndon@essa.org.au if you require further information.

Yours Sincerely,



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