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Re- Draft IHACPA Work Program and Corporate Plan 2024–25

The Human Genetics Society of Australasia (HGSA) is the leading professional body for health professionals working in the fields of genetics and genomics. Our members include clinical geneticists, genetic counsellors, diagnostic scientists, researchers and academics. We appreciate the opportunity to provide a response to the Draft IHACPA Work Program and Corporate Plan 2024–25.

The HGSA has engaged with IHACPA since 2012 regarding the development of a new adjustment to the national efficient price (NEP) for genetic services to accurately reflect the cost of genetic testing and to ensure consistency in the way data is reported by the jurisdictions to inform setting the NEP.

Given our long standing concerns we are disappointed to see no review of genetics services is scheduled in the draft work plan, especially since in the Consultation Paper on the Pricing Framework for Australian Public Hospital Services 2023–24, IHPA confirmed its intention (first outlined in 2021) to give consideration to a new adjustment to the NEP for genetic services.

We hope the IHACPA has the opportunity to review the work program for 2024-25 to incorporate the review which was first promised 3 years ago.

Yours sincerely

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