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Dear Mr Solomon

Thank you for your letter to the Minister for Health providing the opportunity to comment on the *Independent Hospital Pricing Authority Work Program 2019-20 Draft* (the draft work program). The Minister has asked me to respond on her behalf.

Victoria is broadly supportive of the draft work program and notes the program objectives are largely consistent with the work program for the current year. Victoria recommends an additional revision relating to *Program Objective 3(b): ABF classification system development and revision for Mental health care services* to acknowledge that system changes are not yet needed and that the current episode to phase of care mapping methodology will continue in the medium term.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Ms Denise Ferrier, Director, Policy and Planning, at the Department of Health and Human Services on 9096 1798 or at [denise.ferrier@dhhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:denise.ferrier@dhhs.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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