

To the IHPA Secretariat

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Work Program for 2019-20.

Western Australia (WA) remains supportive of IHPA's ongoing work as described in the Work Program to progress a nationally consistent approach to Activity Based Funding. A ministerial advice was provided to IHPA in January 2019 on this matter as part of the 45-day ministerial review period.

Two items to note:

- 1) Following further legal advice, there won't be an issue with the inclusion of the Individual Healthcare Identifier (IHI) in selected national datasets. However, there are local implementation-related issues that are currently being addressed. WA will continue to liaise with IHPA through the relevant Working Groups and Advisory Committees to determine the feasibility (in WA) of including IHI as part of selected national data sets from July 2020.
- 2) The review of alternative geographical classification systems for regional and remote services is strongly supported and WA looks forward to commenting on this work pending further analysis by IHPA.

Regards

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