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IHPA releases Work Program 2017-18

The Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) has released its [Work Program 2017-18](#), following a period of public consultation.

IHPA is an independent government agency established by the Commonwealth as part of the *National Health Reform Act 2011* (Act). A key component of the Act is for IHPA to determine a Work Program for the coming financial year.

The *Work Program 2017-18* outlines IHPA's objectives, performance indicators and timeframes and includes the following key deliverables:

- Development of the *Pricing Framework for Australian Public Hospital Services 2018-19*.
- Determination of the National Efficient Price and National Efficient Cost for public hospital services.
- Patient classification system development and revision.
- Development of data requirements and standards.
- Support of ABF research and education.
- Management of the international sales of the Australian Refined Diagnosis Related Group (AR-DRG) system.
- Resolution of cross-border disputes and assessment of cost-shifting disputes between jurisdictions.

IHPA reports on the progress of its Work Program in its Annual Report.

The *Work Program 2017-18* is available at www.ihpa.gov.au.

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