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Pricing Framework for Australian Public Hospital Services open for public consultation

The Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) today released its *Pricing Framework for Australian Public Hospital Services 2015-16* for public consultation.

IHPA Chair Shane Solomon said the Pricing Framework outlines the principles, scope and methodology adopted by IHPA to determine the National Efficient Price (NEP) and the National Efficient Cost (NEC) for Australian public hospital services for each financial year.

“The National Efficient Price and the National Efficient Cost currently determine the Commonwealth Government’s level of funding for Australian public hospital services,” said Mr Solomon.

“IHPA encourages submissions from all stakeholders and the general public as the feedback helps to drive the financial sustainability of public hospital services,” he said.

The consultation paper includes:

- The pricing guidelines which explain the key decisions made by IHPA.
- The principles and methodology used by IHPA to determine the NEP and NEC.
- IHPA’s proposed response to issues that have arisen since the last pricing round.

The *Pricing Framework for Australian Public Hospital Services 2015-16* consultation paper is available at <http://www.iHPA.gov.au>.

Submissions should be emailed as an accessible Word document to submissions.iHPA@iHPA.gov.au or mailed to PO Box 483, Darlinghurst NSW 1300 by 5pm on Sunday, 27 July 2014.

About IHPA:

IHPA is an independent Commonwealth Agency established under Commonwealth legislation on 15 December 2011 as part of the NHRA reached by the Council of Australian Governments in August 2011.

The NHRA sets out the intention of the Australian Government and state and territory governments to work in partnership to improve health outcomes for all Australians.

IHPA is charged with determining the national efficient price and the national efficient cost for public hospital services, allowing for the national introduction of activity based funding.

The implementation of activity based funding will improve transparency, and strengthen incentives for efficiency in the delivery of public hospital services.

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