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IHPA releases *Work Program 2014-15* for public comment

The Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) today released its [Work Program 2014-15](#) for public consultation.

IHPA's Work Program is revised and published each financial year. It outlines IHPA's objectives, performance indicators and timeframes for the coming year. This includes:

- Development of the Pricing Framework for Australian Public Hospital Services 2015-16
- Determination of the NEP and NEC for public hospital services
- ABF classification system development and revision
- Development of data requirements and standards
- Public hospital services costing development
- Support of ABF research and education
- Management of the international sales of the AR-DRG system
- Resolution of cross-border and assessment of cost-shifting disputes between jurisdictions.

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

All interested parties are encouraged to submit their feedback during this consultation process as it will help to inform IHPA's Work Program for the 2014-15 financial year.

The *Work Program 2014-15* is available at 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 Thursday 31 July 2014.

N.B. the Work Program has been developed in the context of the recent budget announcement proposing IHPA's amalgamation with other agencies to form a Health Productivity and Performance Commission.

About IHPA:

IHPA is an independent government agency established under Commonwealth legislation on 15 December 2011 as part of the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA) reached by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) 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 (ABF). The implementation of ABF will improve transparency, and strengthen incentives for efficiency in the delivery of public hospital services.

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