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IHPA releases *Work Program 2016-17* for public comment

The Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) today released its *Work Program 2016-17* for public consultation until Wednesday 1 June 2016.

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 2016-17 financial year.

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 2016-17* outlines IHPA's objectives, performance indicators and timeframes and includes the following key deliverables:

- Development of the *Pricing Framework for Australian Public Hospital Services 2017-18*
- Determination of the National Efficient Price and National Efficient Cost for public hospital services
- Activity Based Funding (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 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 2016-17* is available at www.ihpa.gov.au.

Information about how to make a submission is available online at <https://www.ihpa.gov.au/consultation/publications>. Submissions can be emailed to submissions.ihpa@ihpa.gov.au or mailed to PO Box 483, Darlinghurst NSW 1300 by 5.00pm AEST by Wednesday 1 June 2016.

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

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(ABF).The implementation of ABF will improve transparency, and strengthen incentives for efficiency in the delivery of public hospital services.

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