

Mr Ben Sladic
Assistant Secretary
Pharmacy Branch
Technology Assessment and Access Division
Australian Government Department of Health

Dear Mr Sladic

Re: NDSS Enhancement Project – Nurse Certification

Thank you for providing the Australian College of Nursing (ACN) with the opportunity to respond to the proposed business change within the National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS); enabling practice nurses to complete the certifier section of NDSS forms, without requiring medical practitioner sign-off.

As the pre-eminent and national leader of the nursing profession in Australia, ACN is fully supportive of any initiative that advances nurse autonomy. ACN also advocates for empowering people to self-monitor and self-manage diabetes, and is thus supportive of the business change that will simplify the process for consumers, nurses and medical practitioners.

ACN is pleased to provide feedback regarding any future enhancement to the NDSS.

If you have further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Dr Carolyn Stapleton FACN, Manager - Policy and Advocacy, at carolyn.stapleton@acn.edu.au.

Yours sincerely,



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