



Australian Government

Department of Health

Ms Tanja Cvijanovic
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Dear Ms Cvijanovic

Health Insurance (Approval of Billing Agents) Guidelines (No.1) 2004 and the Health Insurance (Billing Agents – Conditions of Approval) Determination (No.1) 2004

I am writing to the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) regarding the *Health Insurance (Approval of Billing Agents) Guidelines (No.1) 2004* (the Guidelines) and the *Health Insurance (Billing Agents – Conditions of Approval) Determination (No.1) 2004* (the Determination), which, as per the *Legislation Act 2003*, had been scheduled to sunset on 1 October 2017. However, it has been decided that the legislative instruments are to be remade without significant amendment and consolidated into one legislative instrument, being the *Health Insurance (Approved Billing Agents) Instrument 2017*.

The Department of Health certifies that the Guidelines and the Determination are operating effectively and efficiently, and that therefore a Regulation Impact Statement is not required for the *Health Insurance (Approved Billing Agents) Instrument 2017* to be made.

The assessment that the regulation is operating effectively and efficiently has been informed by a consultation process which involved subject matter experts in the Pharmacy and Insurance Branch, the Medicare Benefits Schedule Policy and Specialist Services Branch and the Advising's and Legislation Branch within the Department of Health and the Payment and Claiming Branch at the Department of Human Services, over the period 19 July 2017 to 5 September 2017.

I acknowledge that OBPR will publish this letter for transparency purposes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Penny Shakespeare'.

Ms Penny Shakespeare
Acting Deputy Secretary
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