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Review of the Professional Services Review (PSR) Scheme

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this review.

The Australasian Podiatry Council is recognised as a relevant professional body on behalf of podiatry under the *Health Insurance Act 1973* subsection 129AAD(13) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*. Thus, any committees reviewing members of the profession should be members of their state based member association and should be nominated to the Professional Services Review Scheme through the Australasian Podiatry Council.

There is an urgent need for education on the requirements of allied health professionals when using Medicare Australia provider numbers. Such an education program is paramount to minimise the likelihood of podiatrists becoming 'cases under review' by the PSR. A review of the service provision and claiming behaviour of those medical practitioners considered for review by the PSR following the implementation of the initial programs utilising care planning could prove extremely valuable. These outcomes should be discussed with Medicare Australia for the development of education programs which endeavour to minimise the risk of incorrect service provision and/or claiming by podiatrists.

Should you require any further information on this submission do not hesitate to contact me on president@apodc.com.au or Dr Sue Whicker, CEO of the Australasian Podiatry Council (ceo@apodc.com.au; 0412965907).

Yours sincerely

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