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### **Health Legislation Amendment (Modernising My Health Record – Sharing by Default) Bill 2024 [Provisions]**

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Senate Inquiry into the Health Legislation Amendment (Modernising My Health Record – Sharing by Default) Bill 2024 (“the Amendment”).

The Health Care Consumers’ Association (HCCA) supports the sharing by default of pathology and imaging written test results with consumers’ consent. HCCA supports the continuation of consumers being in control of access to their health information through My Health Record or choosing not to have a My Health Record.

HCCA supports that pathology and imaging test results will not automatically be shared if there is a concern for the consumer’s health, safety and/or wellbeing when this concern is discussed with the consumer and/or their carer.

HCCA supports the Amendment’s provisions where they will:

- ensure consumers continue to maintain control over the sharing of their health information as active partners in their health care;
- reduce the need for consumers to have to retell their health information across health care providers;
- reduce duplicate testing; and
- improving patient safety by health information being available to health care providers.

HCCA supports the provision that health care providers must display signs notifying consumers that they are not sharing pathology and imaging test results by default.

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HCCA notes that the Australian Digital Health Agency is reviewing the seven day delay policy. HCCA has received positive consumer responses to real time test results being available through the ACT's My Digital Health Record.

Yours sincerely

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