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Instrument No QAA 2/2012

Declaration of Quality Assurance Activity under section 124X of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*

as amended

**Compilation start date:** 3 June 2014

**Includes amendments up to:** Amendment Declaration of Quality Assurance Activities under section 124X of the Health Insurance Act 1973—QAA 1/2014

**About this compilation**

**This compilation**

This is a compilation of the *Declaration of Quality Assurance Activity under section 124X of the Health Insurance Act 1973 ─ QAA 2/2012* as in force on 3 June 2014. It includes any commenced amendment affecting the legislation to that date.

This compilation was prepared on 11 September 2014.

The notes at the end of this compilation (the ***endnotes***) include information about amending laws and the amendment history of each amended provision.

**Uncommenced amendments**

The effect of uncommenced amendments is not reflected in the text of the compiled law but the text of the amendments is included in the endnotes.

**Application, saving and transitional provisions for provisions and amendments**

If the operation of a provision or amendment is affected by an application, saving or transitional provision that is not included in this compilation, details are included in the endnotes.

**Modifications**

If a provision of the compiled law is affected by a modification that is in force, details are included in the endnotes.

**Provisions ceasing to have effect**

If a provision of the compiled law has expired or otherwise ceased to have effect in accordance with a provision of the law, details are included in the endnotes.

I, PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER BAGGOLEY, Chief Medical Officer of The Department of Health and Ageing, make this instrument under section 124X of the *Health Insurance Act 1973 (the Act).*

1. DECLARE the Activities described in Schedule 1 to this declaration (the Activities) to be quality assurance activities to which Part VC of the Act applies being satisfied in relation to the Activities that:
2. the organisations engaging in the Activities are authorised to do so by associations of health professionals, research bodies or educational institutions; and
3. it is in the public interest that Part VC of the Act applies to the Activities having regard to the criteria prescribed in regulations 23C to 23G (inclusive) of the *Health Insurance Regulations 1975.*

Part 1 Preliminary

1. Name of Declaration

This Declaration is the *Declaration of Quality Assurance Activity under section 124X of the Health Insurance Act 1973* also known as *QAA 2/2012.*

1. Commencement

This Declaration commences the day after registration on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments. Section 124X (4) of the Act prescribes that, unless sooner revoked, this declaration ceases to be in force at the end of five years after the instrument of declaration was signed.

**Part 2 Schedule 1**

QAA2/2012 – Declared Quality Assurance Activities

[1] The Radiological Events Register (RaER) by the Australian Patient Safety Patient Foundation (APSF).

**Description:**

The Radiology Events Register (RaER) project is an online incident reporting database utilised by radiology professionals to record adverse events that occur during their practice. The project provides a website ([www.raer.org.au](http://www.raer.org.au)) as its incident reporting portal. Users can anonymously enter data pertaining to a near miss or adverse event in medical imaging using the website. The data collected is stored on a ‘MySQL database’, which is hosted securely. The collected data are analysed utilising the APSF’s 25 years’ expertise in patient safety data analysis, incorporating its understanding of healthcare human factors, the aetiology of error and iatrogenic harm to patients, and relevant patient safety classifications (including the patient safety classification embedded in the Advanced Incident Management System and the World Health Organisation’s International Classification for Patient Safety). The results are fed back to the radiology profession via the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR). RANZCR utilises these results to implement quality improvements in radiology practice.  APSF aggregates data for inclusion in numerous scientific peer reviewed publications, at safety and quality related conferences and for other research projects. The system improvements in radiology practice resulting from the RaER project are beneficial to the public to ensure consumers continue to receive the highest quality of care in medical imaging.

**[2]** **Breast Screen Reader Assessment Strategy (BREAST) by The University of Sydney, Image Optimisation and Perception, Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences and BreastScreen Australia.**

**Description:**

The BREAST activity is an assessment of the quality of service provided by screen readers as part of the BreastScreen Australia program. Digital test sets are utilised in this activity by participants who are assessed on their reading results of cancers detected and cancers missed. Results are analysed by the University of Sydney’s Medical Image Optimisation and Perception Group (MIOPeG). Results of reader performance are fed back to individuals and BreastScreen Service managers. This provides a basis to inform quality practice improvement activities and potential areas for improvements in screen reader training programs. Improvements are made based on the data derived from the BREAST activity which will enhance the quality of care consumers receive as part of BreastScreen services across Australia.

Endnotes

Endnote 1—About the endnotes

The endnotes provide details of the history of this legislation and its provisions. The following endnotes are included in each compilation:

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If there is no information under a particular endnote, the word “none” will appear in square brackets after the endnote heading.

**Abbreviation key—Endnote 2**

The abbreviation key in this endnote sets out abbreviations that may be used in the endnotes.

**Legislation history and amendment history—Endnotes 3 and 4**

Amending laws are annotated in the legislation history and amendment history.

The legislation history in endnote 3 provides information about each law that has amended the compiled law. The information includes commencement information for amending laws and details of application, saving or transitional provisions that are not included in this compilation.

The amendment history in endnote 4 provides information about amendments at the provision level. It also includes information about any provisions that have expired or otherwise ceased to have effect in accordance with a provision of the compiled law.

**Uncommenced amendments—Endnote 5**

The effect of uncommenced amendments is not reflected in the text of the compiled law, but the text of the amendments is included in endnote 5.

**Modifications—Endnote 6**

If the compiled law is affected by a modification that is in force, details of the modification are included in endnote 6.

**Misdescribed amendments—Endnote 7**

An amendment is a misdescribed amendment if the effect of the amendment cannot be incorporated into the text of the compilation. Any misdescribed amendment is included in endnote 7.

**Miscellaneous—Endnote 8**

Endnote 8 includes any additional information that may be helpful for a reader of the compilation.

Endnote 2—Abbreviation key

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| ad = added or inserted | pres = present |
| am = amended | prev = previous |
| c = clause(s) | (prev) = previously |
| Ch = Chapter(s) | Pt = Part(s) |
| def = definition(s) | r = regulation(s)/rule(s) |
| Dict = Dictionary | Reg = Regulation/Regulations |
| disallowed = disallowed by Parliament | reloc = relocated |
| Div = Division(s) | renum = renumbered |
| exp = expired or ceased to have effect | rep = repealed |
| hdg = heading(s) | rs = repealed and substituted |
| LI = legislative instrument | s = section(s) |
| LIA = *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* | Sch = Schedule(s) |
| mod = modified/modification | Sdiv = Subdivision(s) |
| No = Number(s) | SLI = Select Legislative Instrument |
| o = order(s) | SR = Statutory Rules |
| Ord = Ordinance | Sub-Ch = Sub-Chapter(s) |
| orig = original | SubPt = Subpart(s) |
| par = paragraph(s)/subparagraph(s) |  |
| /sub-subparagraph(s) |  |

Endnote 3—Legislation history

| Name | FRLI registration | Commencement | Application, saving and transitional provisions |
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| Declaration of Quality Assurance Activity under section 124X of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* ─ QAA 2/2012 | 18 June 2012 (F2012L01226) | 19 June 2012 |  |
| Amendment Declaration of Quality Assurance Activities under section 124X of the Health Insurance Act 1973─ QAA 1/2014 | 2 June 2014 (F2014L00640) | 3 June 2014 | — |

Endnote 4—Amendment history

| Provision affected | How affected |
| --- | --- |
| **Pt 2, Sch 1** |  |
| **i**tem [1] | am F2014L00640 |

Endnote 5—Uncommenced amendments [none]

Endnote 6—Modifications [none]

Endnote 7—Misdescribed amendments [none]

Endnote 8—Miscellaneous [none]