



# National Health (Collaborative arrangements for midwives) Amendment Determination 2013

*National Health Act 1953*

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I, TANYA PLIBERSEK, Minister for Health and Medical Research, make this Determination under subsection 84 (1) of the *National Health Act 1953*.

Dated 15 July 2013

TANYA PLIBERSEK  
Minister for Health and Medical Research

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## **Part 1                      Preliminary**

### **1                      Name of determination**

This determination is the *National Health (Collaborative arrangements for midwives) Amendment Determination 2013*.

### **2                      Commencement**

This determination commences immediately after the commencement of the *Health Insurance Amendment (Midwives) Regulations 2013*.

### **3                      Authority**

This determination is made under the *National Health Act 1953*.

### **4                      Schedule(s)**

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

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## Schedule 1 – Amendments

### *National Health (Collaborative arrangements for midwives) Determination 2013*

#### **1 Paragraph 5(1)(a)**

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

- (a) an arrangement under which the midwife:
  - (i) is employed or engaged by one or more obstetric specified medical practitioners, or by an entity that employs or engages one or more obstetric specified medical practitioners; or
  - (ii) has an agreement, in writing, with an entity, other than a hospital, that employs or engages one or more obstetric specified medical practitioners;

#### **2 At the end of subsection 5(1)**

Add:

- ; (e) an arrangement mentioned in section 8 for the midwife.

#### **3 At the end of section 5**

Add:

- (5) To avoid doubt, a collaborative arrangement may involve a specified medical practitioner who is in private practice or in the public sector.

#### **4 After section 7**

Insert:

### **8 Arrangement—midwife credentialed for a hospital**

- (1) For subsection 5(1)(e), in relation to a hospital, an eligible midwife is:
  - (a) credentialed to provide midwifery services after successfully completing a formal process to assess the midwife's competence, performance and professional suitability; and
  - (b) given clinical privileges for a defined scope of clinical practice for the hospital; and
  - (c) permitted to provide midwifery care to his or her own patients at the hospital.
- (2) The hospital must employ or engage one or more obstetric specified medical practitioners.