



Newsletter

1st July 2014

From the CEO

Welcome to the July Newsletter.

Our revised Code is finally finished and distributed via email to all members. Please feel free to on forward to colleagues and industry associates. The more organisations that know of the work of PHIIA the better.



The revision of the Code took a lot longer than planned. I would like to thank Wayne Cooper for the consultancy work undertaken to ensure that the Code and supporting documents were contemporary and linked to any statutory or industry bodies.

The documentation includes a very easy to use online Self-Assessment Questionnaire.

This document has already been used by two new members who have both commented on the ease of use.

From an administrative point of view this will make it easier for Members and in the PHIIA office where the emphasis will be on a consistent approach to assessment against the Code for all users.

Code of Conduct Committee

New independent member of the Code of Conduct Committee.

We take this opportunity to welcome Mr Ken Ramsay.

Ken has a wealth of experience as a practising corporate/commercial lawyer and adviser with some 40 years of experience as a partner in small, medium and multi-national firms. He was the Chair of the Code Monitoring Committee of the Medical Technology Association of Australia.

The PHIIA Board ratified his appointment to the Code of Conduct Committee and welcomes him to the position. Other members include: Andrew Merrilees, Andrew Davis and the CEO.

Members News

REMINDER

All Members are requested to complete the Self-Assessment Questionnaire and return via email to david.wright@improve.org.au by:

Close of Business 20th July 2015

All Self-Assessment Questionnaire will then be collated and will be forwarded to the Code of Conduct Committee. The review will take place during the period 23rd – 28th July. The full board of PHIIA will be provided with a status report at the Board meeting to be held on the 30th July.

Thereafter Members will be contacted re queries pertaining to their respective Self-Assessment Questionnaires and any clarifications-updates-recommendations will be undertaken.

The schedule is for the Code of Conduct Committee to provide an Annual Report on Members status and compliance against the Code to the Annual Meeting of Members to be held in late October (date/venue to be confirmed). Thereafter a list of Members compliant with the Code will be published and distributed to all Registered Health Funds and key stakeholders, and also published on the PHIIA website.

Timeline:

20th July All Members to complete Self-Assessment Questionnaire and return to CEO

23rd - 28th Questionnaires collated and reviewed by the Code of Conduct Committee.

August – Sept Liaison with Members to assist with any compliance issues.

October Code of Conduct Committee Annual Report presented at the AGM.

Website:

All Members are requested to send any updates on their details for the PHIIA website. Please check and send any new details via email to the address below:



Board Update

At the May Board meeting there were some significant resolutions passed.

- Restructure of Membership Fees:
- Commitment to Education Activities
- Support for the Strategic Plan

Membership Fees:

Turnover Category	Annual turnover of Health Insurance Premiums	Annual Subscription from 1 July 2015
Level 3a	Greater than \$1,000,000	\$17,500
Level 3b	Between \$500,000 & \$1,000,000	\$7,000
Level 2	Between \$250,000 & \$500,000	\$3000
Level 1	Under \$250,000	\$1500

Members have been sent Member Status Declaration Forms so that Invoices can be prepared. Please note that the Declaration Status Form and Category is only viewed and known by the CEO of PHIIA and treated in confidence. This is the first increase in fees for over 5 years.

Education Activities:

Incorporated into the increase in fees, is the intention is to provide several education workshops at discounted rates for Members in two venues, Sydney and Melbourne, dates and venues to be announced in August. Likely timing at this stage to be November/early December in Melbourne and March 2016 in Sydney. The education activities will focus on our Code of Conduct, Industry awareness and the private health sector.

The following is the budgeted proposal to support educational activities based on Membership status.

The additional free attendance for Level 1 is to provide additional support to our smaller Members and any new members who are start-ups and yet to generate any revenue.

Level 3a, 3 free attendance, plus 30% discount off full fee
 Level 3b, 2 free attendance, plus 25% discount off full fee
 Level 2, 1 free attendance, plus 20% discount off full fee
 Level 1, 2 free attendance, plus 20% discount of full fee

Full details of the Workshops will be sent to Members under separate cover in the coming months.

The opportunity to leverage off other industry conferences is currently being explored.

Next Board Meeting:

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 30th July 2015, venues to: AON Offices, Sydney and Melbourne.

Forthcoming Workshop

What: Private Health Insurance Industry

“Voluntary Industry Regulation Actually Works – A decade of measurable success”

Where: RACV City Club, 501, Bourke St, Melbourne

Who: PHI Compliance Committee

Cost: \$140 per delegate, places limited

Bookings: via web

www.privatehealthcareaustralia.org.au/phicode2015

Contact for info: Wayne Cooper 0407 276 023

Presentations from representatives from:

PHIO, APRA, ACCC, and PHIIA.

PHIIA will present the recent changes to our Code of Conduct.
