



Nurse Practitioner 10 Year Plan Survey – consultation paper

The Department of Health is developing a Nurse Practitioner 10 Year Plan to describe a set of actions that can be taken to address nurse practitioner workforce issues of national significance and enhance the delivery of nursing care to the Australian community.

Cancer Council partnered with the Clinical Oncology Society of Australia (COSA) and the Cancer Nurses Society of Australia to make a submission to the Department of Health consultation to the Nurse Practitioners 10 year plan. We focussed on several recommendations that hold relevance to optimal cancer care and the key recommendations were -:

- Enable all Nurse Practitioners, regardless of employment status or practice setting, to access an MBS provider number, its privileges, and responsibilities.
- Review the scope and breadth of items eligible for reimbursement for Nurse Practitioner services including MBS consultation items, radiological investigations, and medicines for which their prescription can attract PBS subsidies.
- Review the medical collaborative agreements and their requirements to reflect current Nurse Practitioner practice and circumstances.
- Create a nationally consistent framework for Nurse Practitioner development and practice.
- Increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurse Practitioners.
- Ensure linkage to the development of the Australian Cancer Plan.

Once considered by the review team, a copy of our submission will be available on the review website: <https://consultations.health.gov.au/health-workforce/nurse-practitioner-10-year-plan-survey/>