

Important notice for clients and patients

Government Review of Private Health Insurance Rebates

The Federal Government is currently conducting a Review of the subsidy for Private Health Insurance Rebate (PHIR) for natural therapies including **Naturopathy**. If you receive a naturopathy rebate from your Private Health Insurance, **this review may affect you.**

Private Health Insurance Funds receive a rebate from the government to assist their members with the cost of natural therapies. **Naturopathy** is one of these natural therapies. The rebate is under review. The Government is seeking 'evidence' to continue supporting this rebate.

The **Australian Naturopathic Practitioners Association** (ANPA) has gathered evidence according to the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) guidelines to substantiate the *clinical efficacy, cost effectiveness, quality and safety* for the practice of naturopathy. A submission has been lodged with Professor Chris Baggoley, Chief Medical Officer, Department Health and Ageing.

The review will be conducted during 2013.

ANPA's President Eta Brand is one of those nominated to the Advisory Panel for this Review. This is very positive for the profession of Naturopathy.

Will Naturopathy rebates be affected?

At this early stage, the ANPA cannot predict the outcome of this review. We are hopeful that in the context of significant evidence provided supporting the benefits of naturopathy, rebates will be maintained.

When will the changes be implemented?

Rebate changes are expected to be implemented from 1st January 2014. The ANPA will keep you informed as information is made available.

What YOU can do...

1. Be informed, so that you can respond appropriately.
2. Contact your Private Health Insurer
3. Contact your Federal Member by telephone
4. Contact ANPA www.anpa.asn.au
5. Department of Health and Ageing www.health.gov.au



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