

Strategic Direction 2018–2022



Our vision

To improve transparency of public hospital funding in Australia

Our purpose

To support the obligations and responsibilities of the Administrator through best practice administration of public hospital funding

About us

The Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool (the Administrator) and the National Health Funding Body (NHFB) were established through the Council of Australian Governments National Health Reform Agreement (NHR Agreement) of August 2011.

The Administrator is independent of Commonwealth, State and Territory governments. The functions of the Administrator are set out in the *National Health Reform Act 2011* (NHR Act) and common provisions in relevant State and Territory legislation.

The primary functions of the NHFB are to assist the Administrator in:

- + Calculating and advising the Commonwealth Treasurer of the Commonwealth's contribution to public hospital funding in each State and Territory
- + Reconciling estimated and actual public hospital services, and adjusting Commonwealth payments
- + Undertaking funding integrity analysis to identify public hospital services that potentially received funding through other Commonwealth programs
- + Monitoring payments of Commonwealth, State and Territory public hospital funding into the National Health Funding Pool (the Pool), including each State (and Territory) Pool Account
- + Making payments from each State (and Territory) Pool Account to each Local Hospital Network (LHN)
- + Reporting publicly on NHR Agreement funding, payments and services
- + Developing and providing rolling three-year data plans to the Commonwealth, States and Territories

The NHFB is a Commonwealth non-corporate entity under the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*.

Our objectives



Accurate and timely calculation of Commonwealth funding contributions

- + Commonwealth funding calculations are accurate
- + Funding entitlements reconcile to actual services delivered
- + Public hospital services are funded through the appropriate Commonwealth program
- + The Treasurer of the Commonwealth is advised by the Administrator in a timely manner



Best practice financial administration of the National Health Funding Pool (the Pool)

- + Maintain the integrity of the Administrator's Payments System in accordance with policies and procedures
- + Payments to each Local Hospital Network (LHN) accord with directions from responsible state and territory Ministers
- + Unmodified audited financial statements



Effective reporting of public hospital funding

- + Monthly and annual reporting of payments made into and from each State Pool Account and State Managed Fund
- + Monthly and annual reporting of public hospital services
- + All relevant Ministers receive required information in a timely manner



Productive and effective partnerships with stakeholders

- + Work plans and information requirements are developed in collaboration and consultation with stakeholders
- + Provide trusted and impartial advice to enable effective health reform



Operate as a compliant agency

- + A positive workplace culture where people adopt best practice approaches and good governance principles to achieve results
- + Policies and procedures comply with relevant statutory and legislative requirements
- + Unmodified NHFB audited financial statements

Our values

I – Impartial **C** – Committed **A** – Accountable **R** – Respectful **E** – Ethical

Our behaviours

One NHFB: We contribute as a united team and are empowered to do our best work

Enhance Trust: We treat others as equals and collaborate openly across boundaries

Open Communication: We listen actively to the views of others and share information

Own It: Everyone has ownership of their performance by knowing, accepting and performing their role to the best of their ability. Behave our way to new thinking – 'it starts with me'