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Nursing and Midifery Board Australia

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RE: Revision of professional indemnity insurance arrangements registration standard

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the review of the above Standard.

Following the introduction of new legislation for and establishment of National registration for nurses and midwives there was some confusion, within the professions, in regards to the requirements for professional indemnity insurance (PII).

Some clarification has been provided by state health departments and individual employers; the draft AHPRA standard also makes these requirements clearer. However, there is still some uncertainty around PII requirements for NPs working both in the public and private sectors.

To help address this the Australian College of Nurse Practitioners (ACNP) suggests that additional guidance could be provided through the inclusion of information to the following effect in the Standards document:

It is important that:

- NPs employed in the public sector ensure that PII through the employer provides adequate cover for the NP in cases of contributory fault on the part of the NP.
- NPs working in the private sector ensure that their PII adequately covers the “worst case scenario,” even if risk is relatively low. For example, and in the case of General Practitioners, PII cover is usually \$20 million.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide input into this Standard.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Helen Gosby". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Helen Gosby
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