

2020 IN REVIEW

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY | JAN - MAY

COVID - 19

- Engagement with the Health Minister and Senior Advisors to ensure that the day hospital sector was included in the national viability guarantee and emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- CEO interviewed on ABC radio after national viability guarantee for the whole private hospital sector was announced
- Ongoing support for the sector during the pandemic, through media releases and direct contact with Health Departments and external organisations
- Distribution of critical updates to members throughout the pandemic and dedicated COVID-19 page on our website
- Extensive support of members to finalise State health agreements and secure viability funding
- COVID-19 Google Group established to allow direct communication between members
- Member teleconferences in most States to provide information and answer member queries about State health agreements
- Continue to support members with Chapter Meetings by video conference in lieu of face-to-face meetings until end of July

PHI & CONSUMERS

- Engagement with CEO's and key senior staff of leading health funds including NIB, Bupa, Alliance, HBF and Medibank on the significant advantages of the day sector
- CEO and Senior Executives of Medibank and HCF attended a face-to-face Day Hospitals Australia Board meeting in March to discuss expansion of advanced procedures in day hospitals and future of the day hospital sector

FEDERAL & STATE GOVT

- Continued discussions with the Minister for Health and his Senior Advisors for Hospitals and Private Health Insurance
- Attendance at the March Board Meeting by the Assistant Secretary, Private Health Insurance Branch of the Department of Health
- Ongoing dialogue with State/ Territory Health Ministers and Shadow Health Ministers and respective Departments of Health on important jurisdictional issues and COVID-19 pandemic

OPPORTUNITIES TO PROMOTE THE SECTOR

Invitations have continued for the CEO to address various meetings, forums and seminars providing opportunities to promote the benefits of the day hospital sector.

WEBINARS

Online webinars in September / October / November for members to receive information and presentations on recovery strategies post COVID-19

2020 National Conference
Cancelled due to COVID-19

OTHER KEY ACTIVITIES & INITIATIVES

- Support provided for bush fire affected members
- Work has commenced with the key medical societies to encourage more specialists to treat their patients in day hospitals, including the Australian Society of Anaesthesia, Australian Orthopaedic Association and the Royal College of Surgeons
- Engaged with the DayCOR Registry which is providing valuable research on the benefits of treatment in the day hospital setting