



COAG Health Council

Ms Catherine Loughry
Chair
Podiatry Board of Australia
GPO Box 9958
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

Email: jenny.collis@ahpra.gov.au

Dear Ms Loughry

Approval of Podiatry Board of Australia's revised *Registration standard: Endorsement for scheduled medicines*

Thank you for your letter of 17 November 2017, on behalf of the Podiatry Board of Australia (the Board), recommending approval of the proposed revised *Registration standard: endorsement for scheduled medicines* (the revised registration standard).

I am pleased to advise that pursuant to section 12 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory, the Ministerial Council decided on 2 February 2018 to approve the revised registration standard as recommended by the Board.

In approving the revised standard, Ministers noted advice from the Board that there was support from stakeholders for the introduction of a new contemporary Pathway A and an updated Pathway B for registered podiatrists and podiatric surgeons. Ministers noted the Board's advice that the revised approach will provide an additional option to obtain endorsement for scheduled medicines (Pathway A) and greater flexibility for registered practitioners with regards to the evidence they can submit to the Board to demonstrate their competence to prescribe (Pathway B). Ministers also note that the *National Podiatry Scheduled Medicines List* has been updated to ensure that it continues to be relevant. Ministers acknowledge that the Board approved associated Guidelines that support the revised registration standard have also been updated and approved by the Board.

Finally, Ministers agreed with the Board's proposal that the approved revised registration standard commence approximately six months after you receive this letter of approval. We note that the revised standard, guidelines and explanatory material will be published

approximately three months before the standard is due to commence to support a smooth transition and ensure that stakeholders are given advance notice of the changes.

Thank you for recommending that the revised registration standard be approved by the Ministerial Council following the Board's review of the standard and consultation with stakeholders.

Yours sincerely



Ms Meegan Fitzharris MLA

Chair, Ministerial Council

22 February 2018

cc: Mr Martin Fletcher, CEO, AHPRA: martin.fletcher@ahpra.gov.au