

OUR ROLE IN AUSTRALIA'S HEALTH SYSTEM



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 National Health Funding Body (NHFB) and the Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool were established through the *National Health Reform Agreement of August 2011*.

The Administrator is an independent statutory office holder. All Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments have to agree to their appointment to the position. The functions of the Administrator are set out in the *National Health Reform Act 2011* and common provisions in relevant State and Territory legislation.

The NHFB operates as a Commonwealth non-corporate entity under the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* and is funded as a micro agency under the Commonwealth Department of Health Portfolio.

THE AGENCY

ADMINISTRATOR NATIONAL HEALTH FUNDING POOL



Toni Cunningham, Administrator

The Administrator is a statutory office holder, independent from Commonwealth, State and Territory governments.

NATIONAL HEALTH FUNDING BODY



Shannon White, Chief Executive Officer

Led by a CEO, the 35 staff at the NHFB support the Administrator to oversee more than \$64 billion in public hospital funding.

WHO WE SUPPORT



Prime minister, premiers and Chief ministers



Commonwealth, state and territory health ministers



Commonwealth Treasurer

WHO WE WORK WITH



Commonwealth, state and territory stakeholders



Portfolio agencies



Industry partners

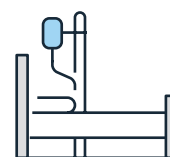
IN 2023-24,
NATIONAL HEALTH
FUNDING BODY:



Administered...

\$68.3 BILLION

in public hospital payments.



Delivered...

43 MILLION

public hospital service.

OVERVIEW OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE IHACPA AND THE NHFB

INDEPENDENT HEALTH AND AGED CARE PRICING AUTHORITY (IHACPA)



DATA COLLECTION

The IHPA collects quarterly public hospital activity data submissions from States and Territories about various kinds of patient services provided by Australian hospitals. They use this data as inputs into the classification, costing and pricing process. The NHFB use this same data for reconciliation of actual services delivered.



CLASSIFICATION

Classifications provide a nationally consistent method of classifying all types of patients, their treatment and associated costs. IHPA undertakes reviews and updates of existing classifications and is also responsible for introducing new classifications.



COSTING

Hospital costing focuses on the cost and mix of resources used to deliver patient care. Costing plays a vital role in Activity Based Funding, providing valuable information for pricing purposes.



PRICING

The IHPA determines the National Efficient Price. This pricing model determines how much is paid for an average patient. It also recognises factors that increase the cost of care, for example, the additional cost of providing health services in remote areas, or to children. The NHFB use this when calculating the Commonwealth's contribution to public hospital funding.

NATIONAL HEALTH FUNDING BODY (NHFB)



CALCULATE

- Funding contribution and issue payment advice
- Data collection and analysis
- Reconcile actual activity
- Funding integrity



PAY

- Payments System administration
- Timely payments and bank reconciliations
- End of month processing
- National Health Funding Pool financial statements



REPORT

- Funding, payment and activity reporting
- Data plan and compliance reporting
- Website reporting
- Trend analysis and reporting

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