

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2021–2025



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

Our primary functions 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)
- Making payments from the Pool to each Local Hospital Network (LHN)
- Reporting publicly on funding, payments and services
- Developing and providing three-year data plans to the Commonwealth, States and Territories

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.

Our APS values

Impartial
Committed
Accountable
Respectful
Ethical



Our objectives



Accurate and timely calculation of Commonwealth funding contributions

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



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

- Payments to each Local Hospital Network (LHN) accord with directions from responsible State and Territory Ministers and align with Service Agreements
- Maintain the integrity of the Payments System in accordance with policies plans and manuals



Effective reporting of public hospital funding

- Ministers receive required information in a timely manner
- Monthly and annual reporting of funding, payments and services
- Quarterly and annual reporting of Commonwealth, State and Territory compliance with the Administrator's Data Plan



Productive relationships with stakeholders and partners

- Provide trusted and impartial advice
- Work plans and information requirements are developed in collaboration and consultation with stakeholders



Operate as a high performing organisation

- A positive workplace culture where people adopt best practice approaches to achieve results
- An agile and responsive workforce ready to adapt to new developments

Our behaviours

It starts with me

One NHFB

We contribute as a united team and encourage new ideas.

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

We own our performance by knowing, accepting and performing our roles to the best of our ability.