



Standing Council on Health
(meeting as the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council)

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Dear Dr Flynn

Thank you for your letter of 4 September 2012, recommending that the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (the AHWMC) approves an amendment to correct an omission from the approved list of specialties for medicine that took effect from the start of the national scheme on 1 July 2010.

I am pleased to advise that pursuant to Section 13 of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act*, as in force in each State and Territory, the AHWMC decided on 30 May 2013 to approve the recommended amendment to the approved list of medical specialties to include 'paediatric intensive care medicine' for the specialty of intensive care medicine and to insert the corresponding protected title of 'specialist paediatric intensive care physician.'

In making the approval, Ministers noted that the Board was advised of the omission by the College of Intensive Care Medicine of Australia and New Zealand (CICM) and that this correction to the approved list ensures that the training of paediatric intensive care physicians is accurately reflected. Ministers further note that this correction will not impact on medical practitioners who qualified in paediatric intensive care medicine prior to the CICM taking over specialist training in this area and will also ensure that this group of practitioners can continue to use the title specialist paediatric intensive care physician.

We trust that this approval will enable the Board to publish the amended approved list at your earliest convenience, and communicate the change to relevant stakeholders, including the CICM and paediatric intensive care medicine specialists.

Yours sincerely

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