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To Whom It May Concern

**RE: Targeted consultation on how Ahpra and the National Boards propose to use the new power to issue interim prohibition orders**

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) on the new power to issue interim prohibition orders (IPOs).

The RACGP is Australia's largest professional general practice organisation, representing over 47,000 members working in or toward a career in general practice.

The RACGP is generally supportive of the draft wording for the new chapter on IPOs to be incorporated into Ahpra's Regulatory Guide, noting that:

- the language is clear and easy to understand
- there appears to be due process and appropriate safeguards built in
- it is important to be able to prohibit high risk health-related activities of unregistered practitioners.

The draft chapter states that 'information about the order will be removed from Ahpra's website and the national register if an interim prohibition order is revoked or set aside'. While this is supported, the RACGP's believes expired IPOs should remain visible on the register and requests clarity on this from Ahpra.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this submission, please contact Ms Samantha Smorgon, National Manager – Funding and Health System Reform, on (03) 8699 0566 or via [samantha.smorgon@racgp.org.au](mailto:samantha.smorgon@racgp.org.au).

Yours sincerely

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