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CHANGES TO SECOND-TIER ELIGIBLE HOSPITALS

The *Private Health Insurance (Benefit Requirements) Amendment Rules 2018 (No. 1)* (Amendment Rules) updates the reference to the latest Second Tier Advisory Committee (STAC) approved list of second tier eligible facilities published in this circular.

Seven additional facilities have been added to the previously approved STAC list, this list can be viewed at **Second Tier Advisory Committee - Additions**. Nine facilities have been removed from the STAC list due to facility closures and this list can be viewed at **Second Tier Advisory Committee - Deletions**.

The Amendment Rules have been registered with the Federal Register of Legislation and commences on 20 March 2018.

As advised in circular PHI 07/13, the Rules no longer contain a list of facilities eligible for second tier default benefits. Rather, the Rules reference a list of eligible facilities maintained by the STAC.

SECOND TIER RENEWAL REMINDER

The second tier status of some private hospital facilities are due to expire on 30 June 2018. The complete STAC-approved list of second tier eligible facilities as of 20 March 2018 is at **Second Tier Advisory Committee - Approved list of second-tier facilities**.

NEXT SECOND TIER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The next STAC meeting will be held on Friday 11 May 2018. The closing date for applications to be received by the Australian Private Hospitals Association (APHA) is Friday 13 April 2018.

Hospitals wishing to apply for continued eligibility are required to submit an application to the STAC through the [Second Tier Default Application Submission Portal](http://www.stacapplications.org.au) (www.stacapplications.org.au).

Detailed application guidance which must be included in the application is outlined on the [APHA's website](http://www.apha.org.au) (<http://www.apha.org.au/resource/2nd-tier-default-benefit-eligibility>).

For any enquiries regarding the STAC-approved list of second tier eligible facilities, or for any further information, please email info@apha.org.au.