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Nurse Practitioner Workforce Plan Implementation Advisory Group

Meeting Communique February 2025

The fourth meeting of the Nurse Practitioner Workforce Plan (Plan) Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) was held on Tuesday 18 February 2025.

The Plan's monitoring and evaluation framework was finalised in December 2024 and members discussed the establishment of a baseline study, to use as a benchmark for ongoing monitoring of the Plan's actions.

Members celebrated the removal of the legislated requirement for collaborative arrangements that came into effect on 1 November 2024. Members noted further changes planned in the Medicare Benefits Scheme, such as two new long consult general attendance items for NPs taking effect on 1 March 2025. Members also noted recommended changes to NP prescribing limitations on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme that will be implemented later in the year.

Members considered gaps in implementation of the Plan through a forward workplan. Members discussed using the workplan to determine priorities and considered focusing on rural and remote settings and what levers are available to support work on relevant actions.

Members discussed draft communication awareness materials aimed at developing a greater understanding of the scope and capability of NPs, and a greater awareness of the benefits NPs can bring to both consumers and to health care teams.

The next IAG meeting will take place in June 2025.