

# Private Health CEO Forum – 10 June 2026

## Meeting summary – 10 June 2026

The Private Health CEO Forum (the Forum) met on 10 June 2026.

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (the department) provided an update on key portfolio developments since the previous meeting, including finalisation of the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA) and Budget 2026-27 measures. Members discussed the announced changes to the Private Health Insurance rebate, sustainability pressures in the private hospital sector, and the opportunity and different jurisdictional approaches to the use of private hospital capacity for public patients.

## Private Health and Specialist Affordability Reforms

The department advised upcoming reform work will focus on improving affordability and access to specialist care. Discussion focused on opportunities to improve specialist affordability including through strengthened informed financial consent processes ([Consultation on specialist affordability and access](#)), access to contemporary maternity, mental health and Hospital in the Home services and improving sector transparency through regular cost, quality and financial data collections. The department advised members of indicative timeframes for sector wide consultation processes. The department noted it was not proposed to undertake further analysis of the potential costs and benefits of a Private National Efficient Price. Member feedback was invited on a draft of the Private Health Sector Reform Consultation Paper. The final paper was released in early July and is available at: [Private Health Reforms - Consultation Paper 1 - Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing - Citizen Space](#)

## Strengthening Clinical Governance and Care in the Private Sector

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care presented on its work to strengthen clinical governance in the private sector. Health ministers have encouraged all public and private hospitals to implement the Commission's new [2026 National Model for Clinical Governance](#). Members supported the proposed direction and emphasised the importance of aligning safety and quality initiatives with affordability reforms, as well as promoting sector-wide collaboration and consumer participation. Members were encouraged to support the private health sector's engagement in the work of the ACSQHC to strengthen clinical governance.

## Medical Workforce Training Update

Health provided an update on medical workforce training programs and initiatives, including increased National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA) funding, expansion of supported training places with a focus on regional distribution and the extension and redesign of the Specialist Training Program and Junior Doctor Training Program – Private Hospital Stream. Members noted ongoing challenges associated with workforce maldistribution. Health

circulated recently published materials on workforce supply and demand. [Whole of Medical Workforce Supply and Demand Compendium Report June 26](#)

## Member Presentation – Medibank

Medibank presented on two areas for reform aimed at reducing unnecessary cost and alleviating pressure on providers and consumers. These included the pricing of prostheses and the role of private health insurance aggregators, tabled to the Forum in-confidence. Members to consider reform options and provide feedback.

## Member Presentation – Ramsay

Ramsay presented Committee-in-Confidence reform proposals aimed at improving system integration, sustainability, and innovation within the private health sector.

Members discussed opportunities to better utilise private capacity, strengthen digital interoperability, support workforce capability, and enable innovation in models of care. Members to consider reform proposals and provide feedback on prioritisation.

## Future of the CEO Forum

Members supported continuation of the Forum and emphasised its value in identifying reform options, implementation issues and opportunities for sector collaboration and engagement. Members also supported more regular discussions to drive progress of reforms. Health to circulate updated Terms of Reference and develop forward work program.

## Other business and next meetings

No other business was raised. Health to provide details of the forward meeting schedule with the next meeting expected to be in third quarter of 2026.