**Terms of Reference**

**Review of the Australian Government Rebate on Private Health Insurance for Natural Therapies 2019-20**

**Natural Therapies Review Expert Advisory Panel**

As part of the ‘Review of the Australian Government Rebate on Private Health Insurance for Natural Therapies 2019-20’ (Natural Therapies Review 2019-20) the Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Professor Michael Kidd, will provide a final report to the Australian Government. The report will provide recommendations on whether to re-include any of the 16 excluded natural therapies as eligible for benefits under complying private health insurance products.

For the purposes of the Natural Therapies Review 2019-20 ***excluded natural therapies*** are the following 16 therapies:

1. Alexander technique;
2. aromatherapy;
3. Bowen therapy;
4. Buteyko;
5. Feldenkrais;
6. Western herbalism;
7. homeopathy;
8. iridology;
9. kinesiology;
10. naturopathy;
11. Pilates;
12. reflexology;
13. Rolfing;
14. shiatsu;
15. tai chi; and
16. yoga.

For the 16 excluded natural therapies the Natural Therapies Review Expert Advisory Panel will support the Natural Therapies Review 2019-20 by providing advice to the Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Professor Michael Kidd, on:

* any additional evidence of their clinical effectiveness published since the 2014-15 review or high quality evidence not included in the 2014-15 review to be assessed by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) including:
  + any evidence identified by Panel members; and
  + any other evidence submitted to Panel members; and
* the reports on the evidence evaluations to be provided by NHMRC in two tranches of natural therapies:
  + the first tranche will examine naturopathy, western herbalism, yoga, Tai Chi, Pilates, Rolfing and Shiatsu; and
  + the second tranche will examine Alexander technique, aromatherapy, Bowen therapy, Buteyko, Feldenkrais, homeopathy, iridology, kinesiology and reflexology.