

Notice under Section 19(2) of the *Health Insurance (Bonded Medical Program) Rule 2020* ('BMP Rule')

For the purposes of section 19(2) of the BMP Rule, the Department of Health ('Department') hereby gives notice that the elements of the Department's web portal required for a bonded participant to comply with each relevant provision are functional.

In this notice:

- 'bonded participant' has the same meaning as that term has in the *Health Insurance Act 1973* (Cth); and
- 'relevant provision' means a provision of the BMP Rule that requires information or evidence to be provided through the Department's web portal.

What does this notice mean for bonded participants?

The effect of the above notice is that bonded participants are now required to comply with their reporting obligations under sections 15 and 16 of the BMP Rule.

This means that bonded participants must enter the necessary information and upload the necessary evidence (as described in sections 15 and 16) into the Bonded Return of Service System by the applicable deadlines.

Please note that the following deadlines apply:

Item	Reporting obligation	Deadline
1.	Reporting obligations in relation to events occurring <u>before</u> 30 June 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For obligations under section 15(1) of the BMP Rule – 11:59pm on 31 December 2022.• For obligations under items 1-3, section 16(1) of the BMP Rule – 11:59pm on 30 September 2022.• For periodic obligations under item 4, section 16(1) of the BMP Rule – every 6 months from 30 June 2022 (for so long as the relevant person is a 'bonded participant').
2.	Reporting obligations in relation to events occurring <u>on</u> 30 June 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For the obligation under item 1(a) of section 16(1) of the BMP Rule – 11:59pm on 30 June 2022.• Otherwise, same as for item 1 above.
3.	Reporting obligations in relation to events occurring <u>after</u> 30 June 2022	Deadlines to be determined in accordance with sections 15-16 of the BMP Rule.