

15 December 2017 Email: <u>contact@sira.nsw.gov.au</u>

Ms Ivonne Johnson Endocrine Society of Australia 145 Macquarie Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Ms Johnson,

State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) 2018 medical fee schedule

I am writing to advise you of the gazettal of the new maximum rates for medical fees, which are applicable for services provided on and after 1 January 2018.

Indexation has been applied to the Workers Compensation (Medical Practitioner Fees) Order 2018.

The maximum rates gazetted for medical consultations and procedures are as contained in the AMA List of Medical Services and Fees dated 1 November 2017, unless otherwise specified in the *Workers Compensation (Medical Practitioner Fees) Order 2018*.

Earlier this year we commenced a review of our fees orders. We are currently looking at our role as a regulator, and our approach to health providers, including licensing arrangements, guidelines and other provisions linked to the fees orders. We will also undertake an environmental scan to gain a better understanding of the approaches adopted in other jurisdictions/schemes.

We will be engaging suitable consultants to undertake this review which will commence in early 2018. We endeavour to keep key stakeholders informed of the progress of the review and seek input where appropriate. Any changes resulting from the review will be widely communicated to stakeholders at the conclusion of the project.

I would appreciate your assistance with communicating the Fees Order to your members. In addition, if you could arrange for the Fees Order to be available on your website, this will help ensure your members receive this information and are charging the correct fees from 1 January 2018.

If you have any enquiries about the medical fees, please email <u>contact@sira.nsw.gov.au</u> or call SIRA Customer Service Centre on 13 10 50.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Day Director, Claimant Outcomes Workers & Home Building Compensation Regulation State Insurance Regulatory Authority