

AMT Board Communique

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The AMT Board met via teleconference on 13 March 2014. This communiqué outlines the issues that were discussed at this meeting and decisions taken, as well as other points of interest.

This communiqué is published on the AMT website and emailed to a range of stakeholders. Please forward it to colleagues and any other parties who may be interested.

Database redevelopment

Work has commenced on the redevelopment of the AMT database. The Board is excited by the prospect of delivering better services to members via the new web-based platform. Personalised logins will allow members to check their own CEU status, insurance and first aid, renew membership online, add practice addresses, and upload required documentation such as insurance certificates of currency, directly to the database.

Medibank Private

AMT entered into legal negotiations with Medibank Private at the beginning of February. The Board awaits a response from Medibank to the request for amendments to the proposed agreement. These amendments would allow AMT to protect and preserve existing Medibank providers via grandfathering arrangements and include transitional provisions for new and recent graduates of nationally-recognised training.

Disciplinary Matters

AMT continues to cooperate with private health insurance funds to address the risks associated with health insurance fraud, and poor compliance with AMT's professional and ethical standards. The AMT Code of Practice informs and underpins the Board's activities in this area.

The AMT Board resolved to close provider numbers at a chain of massage practices while evidence of health insurance fraud was assessed. Provider numbers have been withdrawn from around 12 locations while the evidence is being considered.

Three members of AMT are currently undergoing a desk audit of their record keeping.

AMT members are advised to review the AMT Code of Practice with particular reference to the Record Keeping and Receipting standards.

Research Round-up

The AMT Board committed to releasing a monthly Research round-up, a summary of open access massage therapy research released over the preceding month, including hyperlinks to the full free text articles available online.

Training Package Review

The Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council has commenced consultation on the draft 2 Units of Competence for Complementary and Alternative Health qualifications, including massage therapy. AMT continues to be actively involved with the training package review, participating on Subject Matter Expert Groups and on the Industry Reference Group.

