

# employer fact sheet

## Health Fund Provider Numbers

On 1 July 2009, the Private Health Fund Accreditation Rules came into effect. These rules apply to all Massage Therapists who want to be Private Health Fund providers.

### Recognition

Under the accreditation rules, Massage Therapy providers must:

- belong to a reputable professional association
- undertake continuing education (around 20 hours per year)
- hold a current HLT First Aid Certificate
- have current professional indemnity insurance.

### Qualifications

Most of the private health funds have adopted the nationally recognised HLT50302/07 Diploma of Remedial Massage as the entry level standard. AMT members who trained prior to the establishment of this qualification are usually covered by grandfather clauses if they have maintained continuous membership and provider status.

### Provider Numbers

Many funds issue a discrete provider number for every practice that a therapist works at. So, although your new employee may already be an established provider, they will not have provider numbers for your practice. It is imperative that your new employee notifies us of your practice address as soon as possible so we can update their practice details and notify the funds. AMT has a specific reporting cycle with each of the funds so it can take up to a month before new provider numbers are valid. The funds do not accept interim updates of our members' details. Your employee will be notified of their new provider numbers for your practice by the health funds.

### Health insurance fraud

The health fund provider numbers issued to an individual Massage Therapist are not transferable to another practitioner. Misuse of health fund provider numbers is misleading and deceptive conduct and is a breach of Section 42 of the Fair Trading Act.

### More information

If you have any further questions, please contact AMT Head Office 02 9211 2441.