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**Subject:** Re: SIRA frameworks for non-treating health practitioners  
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Hi

Agree with the sensible and reasonable changes in the proposal.

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On Fri, 1 Mar 2019 at 10:44, Dr Clive Chappel Dee Why surgery

[REDACTED] wrote:

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**From:** **Non Treating Practitioners** <[nontreatingpractitioners@sira.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nontreatingpractitioners@sira.nsw.gov.au)>  
**Date:** Fri, Mar 1, 2019 at 9:47 AM  
**Subject:** SIRA frameworks for non-treating health practitioners  
**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Dr Chappel,

The State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) is seeking feedback on proposed frameworks for non-treating health practitioners in the NSW CTP scheme and workers compensation system.

### **About the consultation**

SIRA is consulting on proposed frameworks for the:

- [appointment of authorised health practitioners \(AHPs\) in the NSW CTP scheme](#)
- [approval of injury management consultants \(IMCs\) in the NSW workers compensation system.](#)

As a health practitioner who has already been appointed as an AHP, you will already be familiar with the role, including that the role was introduced to the CTP scheme to encourage joint medicolegal examinations, with the aim to minimise disputation and reduce claim resolution times. You may be less familiar with the role of IMCs.

IMCs are registered medical practitioners experienced in occupational injury and workplace-based rehabilitation. They primarily assist the various stakeholders involved in a worker's claim to progress a worker's recovery at/return to work with the goal of optimising the worker's health and work outcomes.

### **Why this is important**

SIRA is proposing to align the frameworks where possible and set clear standards, expectations and processes to emphasise a uniform approach to non-treating health practitioners providing services to persons injured in a motor accident or at work in NSW.

Having a uniform approach simplifies the process for health practitioners seeking to

work within the CTP scheme and workers compensation system. It also provides confidence to all participants by reassuring them that SIRA has set conditions of appointment, ongoing expectations of professional conduct, and appropriate mechanisms to address complaints.

### **What this means for you**

These proposed frameworks will be informed by the feedback that we receive from participants in the CTP scheme and workers compensation system, including the feedback we receive from you.

It should be noted that if there is broad support for implementing the AHP framework, SIRA will need to revise the motor accidents legislation. This means that any changes to the requirements for AHPs are likely to take some time, and will require additional consultation. If the changes are likely to affect you, notification of the changes and transition arrangements that will be put in place will be provided to you well before you will need to reapply for the role.

### **How you can contribute**

As a health practitioner currently appointed as an AHP you will have a unique view on these frameworks, and your feedback is invaluable. You may choose to provide feedback on one or more of the consultation documents.

SIRA has prepared a [summary of changes](#) to the Injury Management Consultant Framework to provide transparency of any proposed changes. SIRA has also posed questions specific to the appointment of authorised health practitioners for stakeholder consideration.

Submissions or questions about the frameworks can be sent via email to [nontreatingpractitioners@sira.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nontreatingpractitioners@sira.nsw.gov.au) or posted to Locked Bag 2906, Lisarow, NSW 2252.

**TIP:** If your submission is more than two pages, please provide a summary of your key points to accompany your submission.

If you would like to discuss the proposed frameworks with us, please email [nontreatingpractitioners@sira.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nontreatingpractitioners@sira.nsw.gov.au) as soon as possible.

Further details are available on the SIRA consultation page at <https://www.sira.nsw.gov.au/consultations>.

**Submissions close on Friday 29 March 2019.**

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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