



Health Practitioners (Protected Quality Assurance Activity—Oceania Healthcare Limited) Notice 2024

This notice is made by the Minister of Health under section 54(3) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 on being satisfied of the matters set out in that subsection.

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Notice

1 Title

This notice is the Health Practitioners (Protected Quality Assurance Activity—Oceania Healthcare Limited) Notice 2024.

2 Commencement

This notice comes into force on the 28th day after its notification in the *Gazette*.

3 Interpretation

In this notice, **specified health practitioner** means a nurse practitioner who provides health services for or on behalf of Oceania Healthcare Limited, and includes, for the purposes of this notice, an independent external expert appointed by Oceania Healthcare Limited.

4 Declaration of protected quality assurance activities

The following quality assurance activities are protected to the extent that they are undertaken by Oceania Healthcare Limited in relation to specified health practitioners:

- (a) preparing and sharing notes and communications ahead of case review meetings:
- (b) discussing and sharing patient cases or clinical situations, including medical conditions and treatment options, at case review meetings (regardless of whether the meetings are conducted in person or by means of electronic communication).

Dated at Wellington this 9th day of April 2024.

Hon Dr Shane Reti,
Minister of Health.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the notice but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This notice comes into force 28 days after its notification in the *Gazette*. It declares the quality assurance activities described in *clause 4* to be protected. Quality assurance activities are activities undertaken to improve the practices or competence of health practitioners by assessing the health services performed by those practitioners. The effect of protecting a quality assurance activity is that—

- any information that becomes known solely as a result of the activity is confidential:
- any documents brought into existence solely for the purposes of the activity are confidential:
- the persons who engage in the activity in good faith are immune from civil liability.

The protections afforded by this notice are subject to certain statutory exceptions. For example, this notice does not prohibit the disclosure of information that does not identify, either expressly or by implication, a particular individual.

This notice remains in force for 5 years, unless sooner revoked.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2019.
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This notice is administered by the Ministry of Health.