



Health Practitioners (Protected Quality Assurance Activities—New Zealand Family Planning Association Incorporated) 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 Activities—New Zealand Family Planning Association Incorporated) 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 health practitioner who provides health services for or on behalf of New Zealand Family Planning Association Incorporated.

4 Declaration of protected quality assurance activities: client record audit activities

The following quality assurance activities are protected to the extent that they are undertaken by New Zealand Family Planning Association Incorporated in relation to specified health practitioners:

- (a) randomly selecting a number of patients' records every 6 months:
- (b) auditing those patients' records with reference to a specific list of criteria:
- (c) collating the results of the audit and entering those results into a national summary sheet:
- (d) discussing the results of the audit at meetings:
- (e) making recommendations, based on the results of the audit, on how specified health practitioners may improve their performance so as to enhance the quality of care they provide.

5 Declaration of protected quality assurance activities: patient care activities

The following quality assurance activities are protected to the extent that they are undertaken by New Zealand Family Planning Association Incorporated in relation to specified health practitioners:

- (a) setting standards each year in relation to particular aspects of the patient care process:
- (b) auditing clinical work against those standards to determine whether those standards have been achieved:
- (c) collating the results of the audit:
- (d) discussing the results of the audit at meetings:
- (e) making recommendations, based on the results of the audit, on how specified health practitioners may improve their performance so as to enhance the quality of care they provide.

6 Declaration of protected quality assurance activities: peer review activities

The following quality assurance activities are protected to the extent that they are undertaken by New Zealand Family Planning Association Incorporated in relation to specified health practitioners:

- (a) holding peer review meetings to discuss individual patient cases or clinical processes and practices:
- (b) making recommendations, based on discussions at peer review meetings, on how to improve patient care.

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 *clauses 4 to 6* 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.

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