



## **Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: ProCare) Notice 2006**

Pursuant to section 54 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, the Minister of Health gives the following notice.

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### **Notice**

- 1 Title**  
This notice is the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: ProCare) Notice 2006.
- 2 Commencement**  
This notice comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.
- 3 Declaration of quality assurance activity**  
The ProCare Quality Assurance Activity described in the Schedule is a protected quality assurance activity.

#### **4 Revocation**

The Medical Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: General Practitioners: ProCare) Notice 2003 (SR 2003/235) is revoked.

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### **Schedule**

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#### **Description of ProCare Quality Assurance Activity**

##### **1 Objective**

The objective of the activity is to improve the practices and competence of health practitioners engaged in the activity by assessing the health services performed by those health practitioners.

##### **2 Method**

- (1) The activity is based on information derived from health practitioners who—
  - (a) participate in cell groups registered as peer review groups with—
    - (i) the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners; or
    - (ii) ProCare Health Limited; and
  - (b) are shareholders of ProCare Network Auckland Limited or ProCare Network Manukau Limited or ProCare Network North Limited.
- (2) The activity involves—
  - (a) the review, analysis, and monitoring, through peer review, of prescribing practices; and
  - (b) the review, analysis, and monitoring, through peer review, of the ordering of laboratory tests; and
  - (c) the review of patient satisfaction questionnaires; and
  - (d) the review of critical incidents in clinical practice; and
  - (e) the making of recommendations on how the health practitioners who are engaging in the activity can improve their performance so as to—
    - (i) improve the quality of care they provide; and
    - (ii) reduce the incidence of adverse outcomes; and
  - (f) the facilitation and monitoring of the implementation of any such recommendations.

Dated at Wellington this 25th day of March 2006.

Pete Hodgson,  
Minister of Health.

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### Explanatory note

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

This notice, which comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*, declares the quality assurance activity called the ProCare Quality Assurance Activity to be a protected quality assurance activity. The effect of this declaration is that, subject to certain exceptions,—

- any information that becomes known solely as a result of the quality assurance activity is confidential; and
- any documents brought into existence solely for the purposes of the quality assurance activity are confidential; and
- any person who engages in any conduct in good faith in connection with the quality assurance activity is, in respect of that conduct, immune from civil liability.

Under section 54(4) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, the notice remains in force for a period of 5 years after the date on which it is issued, unless it is sooner revoked.

This notice revokes the Medical Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: General Practitioners: ProCare) Notice 2003, which was issued under the provisions of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995 and applied only to medical practitioners.

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This notice is administered in the Ministry of Health.

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