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Health Professional Councils Authority

Introduction of paramedicine to the National Scheme

In September 2017 the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law was amended to include paramedicine in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for health practitioners.

The amendments requiring paramedics to be registered will take effect from the effect date which is likely to be in November 2018. Other amendments providing for the establishment of the Paramedicine Board of Australia and allowing for the administrative work associated with preparing for registration have already commenced. The Paramedicine Board of Australia held its first meeting in November 2017.

Inclusion in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme means that paramedics will become a registered profession and that all persons who use the title “paramedic” must be registered from the effect date. It also means that the regulatory system whereby complaints about professional standards, health impairment and professional performance can be made to the appropriate regulatory bodies will apply.

Under the National Scheme, New South Wales is a co-regulatory jurisdiction. This means that New South Wales operates a state specific complaints management process in which the regulatory bodies will be the Paramedicine Council of New South Wales and the Health Care Complaints Commission (HCCC).

Information about the HCCC can be obtained from its website
www.hccc.nsw.gov.au

Future newsletters will provide a comprehensive overview of the ways in which complaints are dealt with in New South Wales.

Paramedicine Council of NSW

The Paramedicine Council of New South Wales is not yet in existence. However a regulation providing for its establishment (Health Practitioner Regulation (New South Wales) Amendment (Paramedicine Council) Regulation 2017 [NSW]) has been published on the NSW legislation webpage
www.legislation.nsw.gov.au

When established the Council will comprise six members of whom:

- four are to be registered paramedics whose principal place of practice is in NSW,
- one is to be a person who is not a paramedic and who is appointed to represent the community, and
- one is to be a legal practitioner.

Members of the Council are appointed by the Governor of NSW on the nomination of the Minister for Health.

The process for selecting members will commence in February 2018. Information about the appointment process and the manner in which people can be identified for nomination will be provided in the next edition of this newsletter.

Stay updated

We intend to produce a newsletter on a bimonthly basis with the next one being distributed in mid February 2018.

A website for the Paramedicine Council of New South Wales is expected to be up and running in mid-2018, closer to when the Council is formally appointed. In the meantime information about regulation in general is available on the website of the Health Professional Councils Authority (HPCA) www.hpca.nsw.gov.au and also on the website of the Paramedicine Board of Australia www.paramedicineboard.gov.au

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