

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing on behalf of the New Zealand Acupuncture Standards Authority Inc. (NZASA). My apologies but due to a clerical error we were unable to get our submission in by the 13th December and hope that you will accept our submission now.

Our comments:

Question 1. *Do you have a view on the proposed 1.72 percent and 2.05 percent increases to the payments listed in Table 1 below? Please provide reasons for your view.*

NZASA is in agreement with this increase in payments.

Question 2. *Do you have a view on the proposal to split out classes of Specified Treatment Providers into the separate classes in the table above, so payment rates can be differentiated in the future? Please provide reasons for your view.*

NZASA is not opposed to the proposal to split up the Specified treatment provider class and create individual profession groups. However, we would expect to see payment rates to remain equitable.

Yours faithfully

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