



# Newsletter

## LHN Contract Negotiations

MEMBER UPDATE No.6, 9 January 2024

### AGREED PAY INCREASES TO BEGIN FROM 1 FEBRUARY 2024

Welcome to the sixth edition of our Member Update. Our most recent Update to members was emailed 20 December 2023.

We have been working hard to endorse the contract template you will be offered to codify our new Agreement. Please refer to the attached to read the Agreement in detail.

Because of the Christmas / New Years close period, it will not be practical for LHNs to offer you a contract, and for you to sign/return it before 1 February 2024; the date from which our new Agreement rates apply.

As a result, we have agreed that you will receive a letter from RSS by 12 January 2024 (or soon after) providing you with information about the following:

- Administrative action will begin paying you according to the Agreement from 1 February 2024 for the inpatient medical services you provide.
- You will be asked to time extend your existing contract (known as GPA 2022) because it is due to expire without an immediate replacement. **We recommend you act according to the letter.**
- Your LHN will offer you a new (replacement) four year contract codifying the Agreement as soon as we have endorsed the template.

Through RSS, we continue to work with the SA Crown Solicitor's Officer to create a contract capable of our endorsement. This is to ensure you have confidence when considering signing onto the new, agreed, deal.

Our next Member Update will advise on our (predicted) endorsement of the contract and anticipated date of that it will be offered to GPs at local level.



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Distributing this *Update* to your non-member colleagues is useful, as is your suggestion they join [RDASA](#) and/or [AMA\(SA\)](#).

Your Member Associations have again demonstrated ability to harness GP consensus, access and influence Government, and do the technical work to convert our agreement into an enforceable and fully funded Contract.

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To provide comment or feedback, or for more information, please contact:

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We look forward to providing further information and hearing your voices.

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Dr John Williams  
President AMA(SA)

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Dr Bill Geyer  
President RDASA