



# Newsletter

## LHN Contract Negotiations

MEMBER UPDATE No.7, 30 January 2024

### NEW CONTRACT ENDORSED – LHN OFFERS TO GPs OUT EARLY FEBRUARY

Welcome to the seventh, and final, edition of our *Member Update*. Our most recent Update to Members was emailed 9 January 2024.

After considerable time investment to review technical documents (from RSS and SA Crown Solicitors), we have written to RSS endorsing the contract template you will be offered. "Endorsement" means we have confirmed that the contract's content implements our RSS/LHN/RDASA/AMA(SA) Agreement.

We anticipate LHN **contract offers** to GPs will begin in **early February 2024**.

**Please see attached to read our Agreement in detail.**

By now, you will have received RSS' letter about you receiving, by administrative action, our Agreement's from 1 February 2024 pay increase for your inpatient medical services.

Signing the new offered contract before **30 June 2024** will make you eligible for a one-off **sign on payment of \$5,000**. Signing the new contract will also flow all the other Agreement benefits to you.

As part of our Agreement, we have standing a newly established contract **Joint Implementation Committee** (JIC). The JIC is designed to ensure identification and remediation of local LHN contract compliance or implementation problems or where there is inconsistent application of our Agreement's terms between LHNs.

Members are encouraged to raise contract issues with either the RDASA or AMA(SA) for presentation to the JIC as soon as they become apparent



(ongoing). Please be particularly aware that **the contract requires LHNs to pay you within 20 days of receipt of your (properly formatted) Invoice.**

There will be no further Updates because our 12-month contract dispute, based on our written claims lodged on Member's behalf, is now at an end. We have:

- negotiated with RSS and directly lobbied the Minister for Health;
- settled all matters in dispute for at least the next four years via signed Agreement;
- achieved new increased payments and improved conditions; and
- endorsed a template contract regulating our Agreement (for individual GPs or GP Practices).

Thank you for your support and engagement throughout this process. Happy New Year.

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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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Dr John Williams  
President AMA(SA)

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Dr Bill Geyer  
President RDASA