

Newsletter

LHN Contract Negotiations

MEMBER UPDATE No. 5, 20 December 2023

CONTRACT AGREEMENT REACHED -

NEXT STEP, CONTRACT DRAFTING FOR OUR ENDORSEMENT BEFORE LOCAL OFFER MADE

Welcome to the fifth edition of *2023 Member Update*. Our most recent Update to members was emailed 25 September 2023.

There has been a huge amount of activity since our last Update. Multiple formal, and informal, meetings have been taking place culminating in our significant opportunity to influence the content of an SA Government Cabinet Submission that sought funding for an Agreement.

Our Associations' Executive group reviewed and endorsed, in principle, the Government's resulting Offer. After that, a correspondence exchange and further meetings took place to clarify issues and extract as much benefit for GPs as was feasible.

On behalf of Members, we have now reached Agreement on rural GP in-patient minimum guaranteed contract offer terms. **Please refer to the attached Agreement in detail.**

Next, we will be working with the SA Crown Solicitor's Officer to design a contract that codifies everything agreed between the parties. LHNs may only offer the contract to GPs after it receives the endorsement of the Associations (RDASA and AMA(SA)).

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

Distributing this *Update* to your non-member colleagues is useful, as is your suggestion that 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.

If you are not a member, please consider joining, by visiting the [RDASA](#) and [AMA\(SA\)](#) websites.

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.

Yours sincerely



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