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Tēnā koe



Tōpūtanga Tapuhi Kaitiaki o Aotearoa, New Zealand Nurses Organisation (NZNO) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the above proposal.

NZNO is the leading professional nursing association and union for nurses in Aotearoa New Zealand, representing 51,000 nurses, midwives, students, kaimahi hauora and health workers on professional and employment matters. NZNO embraces Te Tiriti o Waitangi and contributes to the improvements of the health status and outcomes of all people of Aotearoa New Zealand through influencing health, employment and social policy development.

We share the intent of the Ministry of Health's definition of equity which equally applies to NZNO work across professional, industrial and members' activities.

NZNO supports PHARMAC's proposal to list medical devices supplied by Radiology DU Limited.

We endorse the agreement that this would not be for sole supply and DHBs could continue to purchase other suppliers' brands of infusion devices.

With the introduction of new medical devices NZNO has an expectation that those using the devices will be offered training and support to use them appropriately.

We note that pricing for the medical devices in the Agreement would not be increased without prior consultation and approval by PHARMAC.

Nāku noa nā

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