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Dear Ms Hartley

AusDoc.PLUS SUBSCRIPTION FEES FOR ACCREDITED PRACTISING DIETITIANS

Firstly, I wish to congratulate you on the quality of professional support Australian Doctor Group provides to medical and allied health professionals via AusDoc.PLUS. Knowledge sharing such as that provided by AusDoc.PLUS is crucial to build understanding of the roles of each member of the multidisciplinary team and ultimately to provide optimal patient care.

Australian Doctor Group's recent decision to charge a subscription for AusDoc.PLUS users who are not registered with AHPRA has the implication that Accredited Practising Dietitians (APDs) must now pay a subscription fee to benefit from the professional development opportunities offered to other members of the multidisciplinary team.

APDs, though not AHPRA registered, are credentialed under Dietitians Association of Australia's APD Program. The APD Program is managed by DAA under the governance of the independent Dietetic Credentialing Council and is adherent to the standards set by the National Alliance of Self Regulating Health Professions. DAA aims to maintain or exceed the standards and requirements for AHPRA registered professions. APD is the only national credential recognised by the Australian Government, Medicare, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the National Disability Insurance Agency and most private health funds as the quality standard for nutrition and dietetics services in Australia.

I therefore request that the waiving of subscription fees is extended to Accredited Practising Dietitians as professionals that uphold standards equivalent to AHPRA-registered professionals.

Your consideration of this request would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Hunt', is positioned above the printed name.

Robert Hunt
Chief Executive Officer