

**HEALTH SERVICES ACT 1997**  
**AGENCY FOR CLINICAL INNOVATION**

**DETERMINATION OF FUNCTIONS**

Pursuant to section 53 of the *Health Services Act 1997*, I, Jillian Skinner, Minister for Health, do hereby determine, in addition to those functions set out in section 12 of the Health Services Act, the following role and functions for the Agency for Clinical Innovation (the Agency):

**1. Role**

The primary role of the Agency is to design and implement new models of care and patient pathways for adoption across the NSW Public Hospitals and Health system, to drive clinical innovation and improve patient outcomes and:

- a. promote innovation in health service delivery and translate innovations into system wide change proposals;
- b. work with and support local health districts and other public health organisations in developing and implementing system wide change proposals; and
- c. engage clinical service networks and use the expertise of NSW Health's doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, managers, and the wider community including patients and carers, industry and the academic world.

**2. Functions**

The Agency will:

- a. work with local health districts and other public health organisations, their clinicians and managers, and other appropriate individuals and organisations
  - i. to identify, review and promote and, where appropriate, modify and enhance; or
  - ii. research and prepare,  
standard evidence-based clinical protocols or models of care guidelines which will reduce inappropriate clinical variation and enhance and improve the effectiveness, safety and cost-effectiveness of the patient care that clinicians provide;
- b. investigate, identify, design, cost and recommend for implementation on a state-wide basis, changes in clinical practice, including the content and method of such practice, which will reduce inappropriate clinical variation and enhance and improve the effectiveness, safety and cost-effectiveness of the patient care that clinicians provide;
- c. ensure recommendations and models of care recognise and address issues arising in rural health services and the development of programs that can prevent hospitalisation, such as chronic disease management;
- d. support appropriate clinician networks, taskforces and clinical practice groups to assist in undertaking the Agency's functions;

- e. develop three year Strategic Plans and an Annual Work Plan, linking activities and priorities of the Agency to the statewide directions and priorities of NSW Health and work in accordance with these plans and the Service Compact agreed with the Director General; and
- f. provide advice to the Director General and public health organisations on matters relating to changes in clinical practice which will enhance and improve the effectiveness, safety and cost-effectiveness of the patient care in the public health system.

This Determination repeals and replaces the previous Determination of Functions made in respect of the Agency dated 7 December 2009.

*Fifth September*

Dated at Sydney this                      day of August 2012.

*Jillian Triggs*  
**Minister for Health**