



Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activities: New Zealand Family Planning Association Incorporated) Notice 2005

Pursuant to section 54 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, the Minister of Health gives the following notice.

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Notice

1 Title

This notice is the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activities: New Zealand Family Planning Association Incorporated) Notice 2005.

2 Commencement

This notice comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.

3 Declaration of protected quality assurance activities

Each of the following quality assurance activities described in the Schedule is a protected quality assurance activity:

- Family Planning Association Clinical Audit Activity:
- Family Planning Association Patient Care Activity:
- Family Planning Association Peer Review Activity:
- Family Planning Association Performance Audit Activity.

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Schedule

Description of Quality Assurance Activities of New Zealand Family Planning Association Incorporated

1 Objective

The objective of each of the protected quality assurance activities is to improve the practices and competence of health practitioners engaged in the activity by assessing the health services performed by those health practitioners.

2 Information

The protected quality assurance activities are based on information derived from health practitioners who provide health services for or on behalf of New Zealand Family Planning Association Incorporated.

3 Family Planning Association Clinical Audit Activity

The Family Planning Association Clinical Audit Activity involves—

- (a) the random selection every 6 months of patients' records; and
- (b) the auditing of those patients' records to ensure that—
 - (i) they are comprehensively maintained in accordance with best practice guidelines; and
 - (ii) the entry of data in the records is accurate and timely; and
- (c) the comparison of the results of the audit with internal and external benchmarking standards; and
- (d) the discussion of data collected or created from the comparison undertaken under paragraph (c); and
- (e) the making of recommendations on how health practitioners who are engaging in the activity may improve their performance so as to improve the quality of care they provide; and
- (f) the facilitation and monitoring of the implementation of any such recommendations.

4 Family Planning Association Patient Care Activity

The Family Planning Association Patient Care Activity involves—

- (a) the setting of standards each year in relation to particular aspects of the patient care process; and
- (b) the analysis of the patient care process; and
- (c) the comparison of the patient care process with the standards set under paragraph (a) to determine whether those standards have been achieved; and
- (d) the introduction of objectives aimed at improving the patient care process and better ensuring the standards set under paragraph (a) are achieved.

5 Family Planning Association Peer Review Activity

The Family Planning Association Peer Review Activity involves—

- (a) the holding of peer review meetings to review the competence of health practitioners who are engaging in the activity; and
- (b) the making of recommendations on how any, or all, of the health practitioners engaging in the activity may improve their performance so as to—
 - (i) improve the quality of care they provide; and
 - (ii) reduce the incidence of adverse outcomes.

6 Family Planning Association Performance Audit Activity

The Family Planning Association Performance Audit Activity involves—

- (a) the development of performance review guidelines for all health practitioners engaged in the activity; and
- (b) the undertaking of annual performance reviews for all health practitioners engaged in the activity, which includes reviewing—
 - (i) work responsibilities and performance (including direct observation of clinical consultations, professional standards, and work practices); and
 - (ii) working relationships; and
 - (iii) future planning to improve any deficiencies in competency or to extend the scope of the practice of individual health practitioners.

Dated at Wellington this 18th day of June 2005.

Hon Annette King,
Minister of Health.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This notice, which comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*, declares 4 quality assurance activities sponsored by New Zealand Family Planning Association Incorporated to be protected quality assurance activities. The effect of this declaration is that, subject to certain exceptions,—

- any information that becomes known solely as a result of any of the activities is confidential; and
- any documents brought into existence solely for the purposes of the activities are confidential; and
- the persons who engage in the activities in good faith are immune from civil liability.

Under section 54(4) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, this notice remains in force for a period of 5 years after the date on which it is issued, unless it is sooner revoked.

Issued under the authority of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989.

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This notice is administered in the Ministry of Health.
