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Draft IHPA Work Program 2016-17

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft IHPA Work Program 2016-17.

PCA welcomes the inclusion in the Plan to continue ongoing development of the subacute care classification. PCA would like to renew the suggestions made in our previous submissions for the following activities to be included in the 2016-17 workplan for the Subacute Care Working Group:

- Develop a new Australian non-admitted patient care classifications or the redevelopment or refinement of current SNAP classification that is appropriate for community based palliative care and other non-admitted services.
- Facilitate consultation on and the development of a national community palliative care data collection to inform the development of an appropriate classification.
- Include services provided to carers, including without a patient present, in the classification arrangements for palliative care and that those arrangements support multidisciplinary clinical care, including joint home visits.
- Include bereavement support needs as an activity and costed.
- Ensure palliative care consultation services in hospitals are accurately classified and costed.

If you have any queries about the content of this submission please direct them to Philippa Kirkpatrick, National Policy Manager on philippa@palliativecare.org.au or phone 02 6232 4433.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liz Callaghan".

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