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## Draft Cost Recovery Implementation Statement – National Joint Replacement Registry 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

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## About Private Healthcare Australia (PHA)

Private Healthcare Australia (PHA) is the Australian private health insurance industry's peak representative body. We have 22 registered health funds throughout Australia as members and collectively represent 98% of people covered by private health insurance. PHA member funds provide healthcare benefits for 14.8 million Australians.

## Response

PHA is pleased to support the decisions made to invest further in technologies at the Australian Orthopaedic Association National Joint Replacement Registry (AOA NJRR) and the ongoing support of the registry in general, including the cost recovery model.

The savings and value the registry has delivered to all stakeholders and patients is suitably recognised. The removal of waste and the avoidance of unnecessary revisions has been of enormous benefit to all stakeholders.

We support the ongoing funding model, which has saved sponsors substantially from unnecessary litigation related to specific devices (locally and internationally), and importantly, the highest quality independent data in the world to help sponsors with their global regulatory and reimbursement support.

We look forward to the AOA NJRR's continued information expertise in the ways it directs outcomes, but also in offering a solid secondary evidence source to the Clinical Advisory Group, Medical Devices and Human Tissue Advisory Committee and the Department, regarding aligning Prescribed List of Medical Devices and Human Tissue Products (PL) billing codes and sponsors product codes, a clear and known gap that has existed for now 40 years on the PL.