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NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF AHSA CONTRACT

Macquarie Hospital Group has issued the Australian Health Service Alliance (AHSA) to terminate the Business Partnership Agreement between the two parties. A list of private health insurers who are AHSA member funds is detailed below.

Macquarie's contract with AHSA will end at midnight on 16 March 2026 unless the parties reach a new agreement. Patients booked before this date will not be affected. Macquarie will continue to accept AHSA member fund benefits for approved treatment in accordance with the transition requirements under the Business Partnership Agreement and as required by law. After the transition period, AHSA patients will need to pay an upfront amount on admission covering the difference between AHSA's statutory default benefit and Macquarie's treatment costs.

Macquarie Hospital Group Chief Executive, David Wenkart said that Macquarie had not reached agreement on new contractual arrangements, which may affect members of AHSA funds seeking access to Macquarie hospitals.

Macquarie was left with no viable alternative after AHSA repeatedly refused to recognise the substantial cost increases facing Macquarie hospitals and the private hospital sector, and to fairly compensate Macquarie's full network of facilities. AHSA's position places unreasonable pressure on Macquarie at a time when private hospitals are under substantial strain.

Mr. Wenkart said "Macquarie is doing everything possible to remain stable amid unprecedented cost escalation, workforce shortages and rising demand. Every other health fund has negotiated responsibly and collaboratively. Unfortunately, AHSA has adopted a hostile and rigid approach that is out of step with sector expectations."

"Macquarie still hopes to reach agreement with AHSA prior to the contract termination date."

Macquarie has agreements with all other major private health insurers and will keep AHSA patients informed and outline their options, including the ability to change health funds under portability rules.

For any questions, please contact enquiries@machealth.com.au.

AHSA Member Funds

ACA Health Benefits Fund	Health Care Insurance Limited	Queensland Country Health Fund I
AIA Health Insurance	Health Insurance Fund of Aus Ltd (HIF)	RACQ Health Insurance
Australian Unity Health Limited	Health Partners	Reserve Bank Health Society Ltd
CBHS Corporate Health Pty Ltd	Latrobe Health Services	See-u
CBHS Health Fund Limited	Navy Health	Teachers Health Fund
Defence Health	Nurses & Midwives Health Pty Ltd	The Doctors' Health Fund Pty Ltd
Emergency Services Health Pty Ltd	Onemedifund	Teachers Union Health (TUH)
Frank Health Insurance	Peoplecare Health Insurance	Territory Health Fund
GMHBA	Phoenix Health Fund	UniHealth Insurance
HBF Health Ltd (previously CUA)	Police Health Limited	Union Health
		Westfund