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Australian Competition and Consumer Commission  
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### **Re: Hospitals Contribution Fund of Australia Limited application for re- authorisation**

Members Health is writing in response to the application made to the ACCC on 23 March 2023 by The Hospitals Contribution Fund of Australia Limited (HCF) seeking revocation and substitution of its current authorisation (AA1000402), which expires on 1 June 2023 (re-authorisation).

Members Health is the peak body for 25 not-for-profit and member-owned health funds, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on this matter, and advise that we support HCF's application for re-authorisation.

Having reviewed the application, we do not see competition issues arising from the proposed conduct and believe that the program provides choice and certainty in pricing for preventive and diagnostic dental services- to consumers. We also note that provider participation the More for Teeth program is on voluntary and non-exclusive basis.

Members Health supports initiatives that seek to provide consumers with a range of affordable health care options. We believe that the proposed conduct will contribute to achieving this objective, and we encourage the ACCC to grant the requested re-authorisation.

Thank you for considering our submission. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,



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