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Dear Mr Saunders

National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 1960

I am writing regarding the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 1960* (the regulations) which, as required by the *Legislation Act 2003*, is scheduled to sunset on 1 April 2017. It has been decided by the Department that the instrument is to be remade without significant amendment.

The Department of Health certifies that the regulations are operating effectively and efficiently and therefore, consistent with the advice of officers in your agency, a Regulation Impact Statement is not required for these regulations to be remade.

The assessment that the regulations are operating effectively and efficiently has been informed by a consultation process which involved the Department of Human Services, Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, Medicines Australia, the Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association, the Consumers Health Forum of Australia and the Medical Software Industry Association. Consultation occurred over the period from September 2016 to February 2017.

I acknowledge that Office of Best Practice Regulation will publish this letter for transparency purposes.

If you have any queries about this advice, please contact Ms Penny Shakespeare, First Assistant Secretary of Pharmaceutical Benefits Division, on (02) 6289 7085, or penny.shakespeare@health.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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