

Feedback: Guiding principles for the authorisation of non-medical professionals to adjust insulin dosage – HHS guide

General Comments:

Overall, a detailed document that clearly defines the authorisation of insulin adjustment, the scope, legalities and insurance. Some additional information regarding the composition of credentialing bodies and the assessment criteria will be beneficial.

Recommend including the *Dietitian Scope of Practice Framework* as a supporting document. Available from <http://daa.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Dietitian-Scope-of-Practice-2014v2.pdf>. This document explains extended scope of practice for dietitians and refers to adjusting insulin dosages.

Specific Comments:

Page #	Statement / reference you are referring to	Suggestion
4	Core Requirements 3 and 4: Demonstrating understanding and evidence.	Further clarification would be helpful regarding how clinicians can demonstrate evidence of core requirements 3 and 4 and how this will be assessed. DAA would be happy to work with QLD Department of Health further to establish the criteria needed to meet core requirements.
4	Core Requirement 4: Suggests clinician has evidence of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> capacity to plan, implement, and evaluate diabetes related services and programs within a community and/or hospital environment experience and understanding of health promotion principles and chronic disease prevention 	These do not appear to have any relevance to insulin adjustment. Suggest omitting these dot points.
4	One of desired requirements is DAFNE	Recommend using a general name to describe similar programmes that teach flexible insulin adjustment designed to match dietary intake. There may be other programmes similar to DAFNE that could be appropriate. Important to consider that these programmes alone will not provide competence and that they form part of the evidence required for the applicant

6	Senior Health Professionals responsible for granting authorisation	Increased details of who will make up the authorisation body and how they will assess applications would be beneficial. This group of senior health professionals should include an Accredited Practising Dietitian.
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