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Dear Ms Ho-Huynh,

### **Proposed changes to Group 1 – PBS/RPBS Computer Prescription Stationery**

The Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA) wishes to provide feedback to the proposed changes to Group 1 – PBS/RPBS Computer Prescription Stationery.

A growing number of Nurse Practitioners are working in primary health care including general practice, community nursing and aged care. APNA supports the proposed changes outlined in Attachment A. APNA believes that standardising computer prescription stationery will streamline and support current prescribing practices particularly across multiple prescribers within the same practice.

### **About APNA**

The Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA) is the peak professional body for nurses working in primary health care. APNA champions the role of primary health care nurses; to advance professional recognition, ensure workforce sustainability, nurture leadership in health, and optimise the role of nurses in patient-centred care.

APNA is bold, vibrant and future-focused. We reflect the views of our membership and the broader profession by bringing together nurses from across Australia to represent, advocate, promote and celebrate the achievements of nurses in primary health care.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Malone'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'David' being more prominent than the last name 'Malone'.

**David Malone**  
Chief Executive Officer