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MEDIA RELEASE

NATIONAL CREDENTIALING PROGRAM FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE PHARMACISTS

The Pharmacy Practitioner Development Committee (PPDC), a profession-wide collaborative forum, has been informed of the decision of the Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) to end the national credentialing program for advanced practice pharmacists, effective immediately.

The PPDC previously operated as the Advanced Pharmacy Practice Framework Steering Committee, and through that forum, an advanced practice recognition model for Australian pharmacists was developed in 2013. Through this process APC was endorsed by the profession as the independent credentialing body.

The PPDC would like to acknowledge the APC for the commitment in developing and piloting a national credentialing program. There has been substantial time and financial investment made by the Council of APC as well as many individuals throughout the profession in this important initiative.

The PPDC understands the decision to end the credentialing program was made by APC due to program sustainability issues.

On behalf of the profession, the PPDC will re-evaluate options on models for the recognition and credentialing of advanced practice pharmacists. Discussion with the input of all 11 PPDC Member organisations will be a priority and a meeting of the PPDC will be convened as soon as possible to facilitate this. I will be encouraging all of the PPDC Member organisations to be actively involved in the next phase of advanced practice recognition.

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