



Australian Government
Department of Health and Aged Care

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Dear Ms Hart

Thank you for your correspondence of 20 November 2023 to the Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon Mark Butler MP regarding your concerns with the COVID-19 vaccine exemptions. The Minister has asked me to reply.

I note you have written a number of times in relation to this matter and I acknowledge your frustration. However, as previously advised all registered health practitioners in Australia must adhere to the Code set by the National Board for their profession. The Code requires all registered health practitioners to provide sound, evidence-based advice to patients in relation to COVID-19 treatments and vaccination.

Adherence to the Code is not voluntary, health practitioners who breach their obligations under the Code may be subject to a formal complaint commonly referred to as a notification. Ahpra investigates all health practitioners subject to a notification and takes regulatory action to protect the public if appropriate.

Unfortunately, there is no additional information the Department of Health and Aged Care can provide at this time.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Praveen Sharma'.

Praveen Sharma
Director
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6 December 2023