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ACRRM welcomes opportunity to focus on contemporary professional development for members

The Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) welcomes the introduction of a new Bill which will allow it to focus on the important role of providing contextualised contemporary professional development opportunities for its members.

The Health Insurance Amendment (General Practitioners and Quality Insurance) Bill 2020, paves the way for the College to continue its strong member focus by removing administrative barriers from the continuing professional development (CPD) program.

“The College has been aware for some time that this legislation was in the process of being implemented,” ACRRM President Dr Ewen McPhee says. “And, while we already offer a robust continuing professional development (CPD) program, it gives us the space to further focus our attention on the needs of our members through educational content rather than administration.

“This Bill is not introducing a new system, but rather brings reporting lines for General Practitioners (GPs) in line with other medical specialist colleges under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

“The College will retain the requirements for our members to complete the mandatory 50 hours of professional development activity as recommended and implemented by the Medical Board of Australia (MBA), and provide members with a reporting system for them to document their CPD requirements.

Dr McPhee also says the Bill will further opportunities for the College to increase its competitiveness in the market and to be the College of choice for professional development activities.

“College CPD is a guarantee of quality and safety for the healthcare system and for patients living in rural and remote communities.

“This is an opportunity, should the legislation get through, for us to demonstrate the real value for our members and attract more people to our competitive and high quality CPD program.”

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ABOUT ACRRM

The [Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine](#) is the only College in Australia entirely dedicated to training and supporting rural General Practitioners and Rural Generalists to serve rural and remote communities.

The College vision is to have the right doctors, in the right places, with the right skills, providing rural and remote people with excellent health care.

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