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By email: <u>health@ministerial.qld.gov.au</u>

Subject: Support for equitable registration fees for health practitioners on parental leave

Dear Minister

AMA Queensland has been supporting AMA Victoria's calls for Ahpra to provide equitable registration fees for health practitioners on parental leave.

Ongoing costs for registration whilst taking leave to care for young children is an unnecessary burden and raises equity, inclusion and diversity concerns, particularly for female health practitioners (please refer here for further details, including AMA Victoria's petition).

Our understanding is that the issue may be raised at the Health Minister's Meeting tomorrow for consideration.

We acknowledge your commitment to gender equity and urge you to support reforms that will bring Ahpra's fee-setting and related policies in line with community expectations and broader goals under discrimination, human rights and equity initiatives.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss further.

Yours sincerely

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