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Dear Colleague

Re: A National Framework for Decision Making by Nurses and Midwives on Scopes of Practice (National DMF)

Please find attached a Newsletter which we ask you to disseminate widely throughout your professional networks and organisational newsletters.

Following wide consultation and endorsement from the profession, the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council's (ANMC) **National Framework for Decision Making by Nurses and Midwives on Scopes of Practice (National DMF)** has been finalised and is now ready for implementation. The National DMF is an important part of the professional practice framework being set in place by nursing and midwifery regulatory authorities prior to National Health Practitioner Registration and Accreditation (due for implementation from July 2010).

The purpose of the National DMF is to assist decision making about nursing and midwifery practice. Differences in education, experience, individual competence and the context of practice are important considerations in scope of practice decisions. The National DMF provides tools which guide nurses and midwives to ensure quality and safety are central considerations in these decisions.

The roll-out of the National DMF across the ACT, NSW and NT will begin early in 2009. Components of the Framework will be available on the ANMC website.

Education in the appropriate use of the materials will be through a series of workshops which will be targeted at employers, managers, policy makers, educators, multi-disciplinary professionals and most importantly, practicing nurses and midwives. Additional materials will be provided at these educational workshops.

Workshops times and locations will be advertised widely. We seek your support in disseminating the attached newsletter article throughout your networks and by urging attendance at these workshops.

We thank you for your support in ensuring that our profession is well prepared for the introduction of National Health Practitioner Registration and Accreditation.

Yours sincerely

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