

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011

**Executive Officer  
Chinese Medicine Board of Australia  
AHPRA  
G.P.O.Box 9958  
Melbourne,  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Mandatory registration standards  
Chinese Medicine Practitioners

In regards to the Consultation Paper on Proposed mandatory registration standards.

Australian Regional Health Group has been a strong supporter of improving the standards of Alternative Therapy Providers, and will continue to do so.

After reviewing the document, I have concerns regarding the availability of First Aid in an emergency situation.

I note mention under Draft registration standards, English language skills

3.7 Whether you agree with appropriate arrangements for contacting Emergency Services.

This relates to contacting Emergency services, I cannot find provision for interim support in an emergency, such as First Aid.

The scenario of an Emergency has been raised, with the concerns regarding the ability of a Practitioner being able to contact and relate information to relevant emergency services, so it then opens the question of what immediate support is available in this situation.

In most cases, a current First Aid Certificate, is a requirement for membership in Professional Associations, and is certainly a requirement for most Health Funds in regard to Providers eligibility for Health Fund Rebates.

I request that you review the mandatory registration standards, with a view to including a Current First Aid Certificate as a requirement.

Yours sincerely,

*Karen Taylor*

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