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Dear Mr Batten

**PRIVATE HEALTH FACILITIES REGULATION 2017**

I write to ask your assistance in disseminating the attached information, regarding changes to the aforementioned regulation, to your members. A clear understanding of the implications of the changes is critical to the successful implementation of the regulation, and in ensuring the compliance of practitioners.

As you know, Queensland Health published a Discussion Paper on the potential regulation of certain surgical cosmetic procedures in March of this year. Following public consultation, which demonstrated strong support for regulation, an Expert Advisory Panel was established to provide further input to the proposed regulations. These revised regulations have now been finalised.

Under the revised regulations, a number of specified surgical procedures (primarily carried out for cosmetic purposes) have been prescribed and must only be performed in private health facilities licensed by Queensland Health to carry out surgical procedures at level 3 or above.

The revised regulation was signed by the Governor in Council on 13 October 2017 and will come into effect on 1 January 2018. The list of prescribed procedures is provided at **Attachment 1**.

Of particular note, a practitioner who performs a prescribed procedure in a place that is not a licensed private health facility may be considered to have breached the Private Health Facilities Act, and be liable, under s39 of that Act, to a penalty of 1000 penalty points (currently \$126,150).

In order to avoid incurring significant penalties, it is strongly advised that your members consider and act on the information provided.

A flow chart/infographic and other supporting material has been made available on the Queensland Health website to provides an overview of the action required by affected practitioners.

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Your assistance in directing your members to the resources on the Queensland Health website [www.health.qld.gov.au](http://www.health.qld.gov.au) is warmly appreciated. Please note that material on the website is subject to Creative Commons license and may be freely copied and distributed with appropriate attribution.

If you have any questions, please contact the Private Health Regulation Unit on telephone (07) 3708 5325 or email [Private\\_Health@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Private_Health@health.qld.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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# Surgical procedures prescribed by the Private Health Facilities Regulation 2017

## The following surgical procedures are prescribed—

- (a) abdominoplasty
- (b) belt lipectomy
- (c) biceps implants
- (d) brachioplasty
- (e) breast augmentation or reduction
- (f) buttock augmentation, reduction or lift
- (g) calf implants
- (h) deltoid implants
- (i) facelift, other than a mini-lift that does not involve the superficial musculoaponeurotic system (SMAS)
- (j) facial implants that involve—
  - (i) inserting an implant on the bone; or
  - (ii) surgical exposure to deep tissue
- (k) fat transfer of more than 500 millilitres of lipoaspirate
- (l) labiaplasty
- (m) liposuction that involves removing more than 2.5 litres of lipoaspirate
- (n) mastopexy or mastopexy augmentation
- (o) monsplasty
- (p) neck lift
- (q) pectoral implants
- (r) penis augmentation
- (s) rhinoplasty
- (t) triceps implants
- (u) vaginoplasty.