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Dear Mr Marty

Thank you for your letter of 19 May 2010 submitting the Pharmacy Board of Australia's (the Board's) revised professional indemnity insurance (PII) registration standard.

The Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (the Ministerial Council) would like to thank the Pharmacy Board for responding to its request that the Board review the original registration standard for PII.

Ministers note that the revised PII registration standard appropriately accommodates pharmacists in all practice settings, including pharmacists who practice exclusively in an employed position who would meet the standard by being indemnified by their employers whose policies meet the level of cover specified in the standard. It is also noted that the standard highlights the need for pharmacists to consider PII arrangements separate to their employer's arrangements in cases where pharmacists practise in locations other than their principal place of employment.

Pursuant to section 12 of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (2009)* (the National Law), as enacted by participating jurisdictions, the Ministerial Council has decided to approve the revised registration standard – with the approval taking effect on 1 July 2010 to coincide with the commencement of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

We trust that the Ministerial Council's decision to approve the registration standard as outlined in this letter will assist the Board to implement its proposals in the lead-up to the national scheme's full commencement on 1 July 2010.

Yours sincerely

The Hon John Hill
Chair, Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council
Minister for Health, South Australia