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The Hon Greg Hunt MP

Minister for Health and Aged Care

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Dear Minister *Greg*

Thank you for your letter received 18 March 2021, offering an extension to the current Bilateral Agreement for minimum Commonwealth funding for public hospital services in the Australian Capital Territory (the Agreement).

I note that the Prime Minister and ACT Chief Minister agreed this extension in May 2020 during the negotiations of Schedule J of the 2020-25 Addendum to the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA).

I am pleased to advise the ACT accepts the extension to the Agreement, on the same terms. The Agreement will now expire in 2024-25 following the completion of the 2024-25 financial year reconciliation.

I note that all references to the Agreement period being 2017-18 to 2019-20 will be replaced with 2017-18 to 2024-25. I also note that previous references in the Agreement to Schedule I (2017 Addendum) will now refer to Schedule J (2020-25 NHRA).

Thank you for confirming that following receipt of this acceptance a notice of extension will be made publicly available on the Council of Federal Financial Relations website and that the Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool will be informed.

Yours sincerely

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cc: Andrew Barr MLA, ACT Chief Minister

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