



2023 Digital ID Bill and Rules submission

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About Private Healthcare Australia

Private Healthcare Australia (PHA) is the Australian private health insurance industry's peak representative body. We have 24 registered health funds throughout Australia as members and collectively represent 98% of people covered by private health insurance. PHA member funds provide healthcare benefits for over 14.5 million Australians.

Response

PHA welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Government's exposure draft of the proposed Digital ID legislation (Digital ID Bill) and Digital ID Rules. PHA supports the intent of this Bill and the Rules, and has one recommendation:

PHA recommends the Bill and the Rules give private health insurers the ability to verify an individual's identity via the Australian Government Digital ID System (AGDIS) because this may reduce fraud and privacy incidents in the private health insurance industry.