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NDIS AND INJURY COMPENSATION: WHERE TO NEXT Richard Madden

Key words:

Purpose of your paper:

Synopsis: The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) has become a reality. It is timely to consider the implications of the Scheme as legislated for injured people, whether covered by an injury compensation scheme or not.

The presentation will examine the access to the NDIS for injured persons and the impact that various compensation arrangements have on that access. The provisions in legislation offsetting NDIS entitlements by compensation benefits will be set out and discussed.

It will also examine the progress or otherwise on a National Injury Insurance Scheme, and discuss desirable ways to now adopt or alter no fault compensation schemes in light of the NDIS.







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NDIS – SECTOR READINESS AND IMPLICATIONS Lorraine Mackin, Mark Bagshaw

Key words: National Disability Insurance Scheme, sector readiness assessment, improving participation rates.

Purpose of your paper: The success of the NDIS rests on the readiness of NGOs and the care/health sector for the implementation of the scheme. This paper will explore these factors as well as the wider benefits of the NDIS.

Synopsis: The National Disability Insurance Scheme will commence in July 2013 through a staged roll out. The NDIS aims to provide outcomes focused support for people with permanent disability through individualised funding.

The NDIS will be successful if it provides people with disability with the right support and care package to enable them to fully participate in work, education and communities.

The capabilities, growth and capacity of NGOs and the care/health sector are crucial to the success of the NDIS. This paper will outline the key elements to assess the readiness of these sectors for the implementation of the NDIS. Government funding for the NDIS will be significant, but reform of sector capability demands other elements as well e.g. effective governance, cash flow management skills.

We will discuss the consequences of poor readiness. While the NDIS is framed as a move from a fragmented and rationed based welfare system to an individual needs-based model of support, unless there is appropriate preparation, implementation and forward planning there is a risk that the NDIS will not improve community and workforce participation in the long run.

We discuss the use of the Hunter area as a micro site for the first launch in NSW. The staged roll out provides scheme monitors with a chance to assess and test the readiness of the care and health sectors before taking the lessons learned to a national scale.

The NDIS also has wider benefits for persons covered by injury schemes. The NDIS aims to facilitate a change in the culture of support and care, to empower people with disability. The significant funding supporting the NDIS has the potential to drive such reform in the care and health sectors, in contrast to the smaller size of the individual injury schemes. Such reform and improved models of care will assist these persons to participate in communities and improve return to work. We also discuss the potential for overlaps in support schemes and cross agency development.



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SEVERE INJURY CLIENTS: LESSONS FOR NO FAULT INSURERS AND DISABILITY CARE AUSTRALIA Dr Maree Dyson

Key words: Serious/catastrophic injury, strategy, monitoring, enhancing actuarial modeling and reporting

Purpose of your paper: Assist Actuaries to understand what it is that drives strong organisational performance in managing severe injury management to assist to pose more probing questions to their clients when consulting with clients about their actuarial projections.

Synopsis: Based on than 10 years' experience with no-fault insurers in strategic management and operational tools for managing people with serious injuries, this presentation will compare and constrast different approaches to serious injuries management, strengths and risks. The presentation will speak to implementation challenges, measurement of success, outcomes and sustainability.