

Alternative Therapists practicing during COVID-19

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Dear Association

Last night the Prime Minister announced Stage 3 restrictions in response to the Coronavirus. The message from the government is quite clear - all Australians should only leave home to conduct activities that are 'absolutely necessary' to support hibernation.

Containment of the virus, safety of our members and protection of your providers as an essential component of Australia's health care workforce is paramount.

We **strongly urge** all alternative therapy providers to cease providing treatment to our members immediately (if they have not already done so). This includes treatment provided in a clinic, a patient's home, a provider's home, outdoors and any other venue in the community and where the social distancing rule of at least 1.5m can not be maintained.

We stand by this position and support our participating health funds in removing access to the Hicaps facility until the government advises that the virus is contained. Claims submitted by other means will be reviewed carefully and audited if necessary.

We acknowledge the massive impact this health emergency is having on most Australians and Australian businesses and encourage you to avail yourself of the ongoing initiatives for financial support (business and personal) introduced by the Australian government. This is the most appropriate and most ethical way for you to secure your financial position and sustain your business in the long term.

Yours Sincerely

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