



## Western Australian Submission to the Commonwealth Grants Commission 2017 Update

New Issues – Independent Hospital Pricing Authority Data November 2016

This submission responds to the Commonwealth Grants Commission's (CGC's) paper entitled *Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) Data*, provided to the States on 11 October 2016.

This paper indicates that IHPA emergency department occasions data for 2014-15 onwards will no longer include data from the Public Hospitals Establishment dataset. It proposes using the corresponding 2013-14 data as a proxy for the missing data in later years.

The Western Australian Health Department has advised that essentially all Western Australian emergency department occasions are covered by the other two data sources used by the IHPA.

However, while investigating this issue, an error in the 2014-15 data provided to the IHPA has been identified. The Western Australian Health Department is providing corrected data for 2014-15 to the IHPA.

For other States, we are concerned that the CGC proposal may underestimate the missing emergency department data, as it will not pick up growth in emergency department usage over time. An alternative option floated in the discussion paper is to use the 2013-14 proportion of emergency department occasions from the PHE data for later years. We would be comfortable with this approach and recommend that the CGC consult further with the States for which the missing data is most significant.