

PUBLIC FORUM

'STRENGTHENING THE GOVERNANCE OF AUSTRALIA'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM: OPTION C – HOW OTHERS DO IT AND HOW COULD WE DO IT?'

Wednesday 15 April, 5.30–9.00pm

The Finkel Lecture Theatre,
The John Curtin School of Medical Research Building,
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Refreshments served from 5.00–5.30pm

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The National Hospitals and Health Reform Commission (NHHRC) recently released its Interim report. Among its proposals it discusses three options for strengthening the governance of the Australian healthcare system for 2020 (www.nhhrc.org.au).

The third of these governance options – Option C – refers to a social health insurance model that would enable consumers to take out coverage for Medicare entitlements by enrolling with a health care plan of their choice.

The Menzies Centre for Health Policy and the Australian Centre for Economic Research on Health at the ANU are conducting a public forum to consider Option C in more detail. For example what has been the experience of other countries with a social health insurance model with consumer choice of health funds? How could such a model be developed in Australia?

5.30pm Mr. Robert Wells – [Welcome](#)

Session 1 [Option C in an international context](#) Chair: Mr. Robert Wells

Dr. Francesco Paolucci – ['Brief introduction to EU social insurance principles and models'](#)

Professor Gur Ofer – ['Consumer Choice of health funds: the case of Israel'](#)

Professor Just Stoelwinder – ['Consumer Choice of health funds: the case of the Netherlands'](#)

Session 2 [Developing the tools and the structures for Option C](#) Chair: Professor Just Stoelwinder

Mr. George Savvides (CEO Medibank Private Limited) – ['Insurer's perspective on Option C'](#)

Mr. Shaun Gath (PHIAC) – ['Perspective on regulating a market for Option C'](#)

Dr. Francesco Paolucci – ['Developing risk equalisation'](#)

Panel: Dr Jim Gillespie – ['Is there a path to Option C? Institutions, interests and health reform in Australia'](#)

Professor Henry Ergas – ['Developing and regulating a market for Option C'](#)

Mr Robert Wells – ['Is the pain of change worth the gain?'](#)

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