

The suggested addition is highlighted.

Draft proposals for a national reform agenda

Health Care

CoAG should initiate an independent public review of Australia's health care system as a whole. This should be the first step in the development of an integrated reform program to address structural problems of long standing that are preventing the health care system performing to its potential. The review should include consideration of the determinants of future demand for and supply of health services, health financing issues (including Federal/State responsibilities and their implications); coordination of care (including with aged care); the interaction between private and public services; and information management (*including the publication and auditing of aggregated patient data, the measurement of consumer satisfaction and experience, the evaluation of clinical outcomes and the national benchmarking of health services*). It could also incorporate the proposed CoAG review of medical workforce issues.