

**Reprint
as at 2 June 2014**



Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—Compass Health Limited) Notice 2009

(SR 2009/165)

Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—Compass Health Limited) Notice 2009: expired, on 2 June 2014, pursuant to section 54(4) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (2003 No 48).

Pursuant to section 54 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, the Minister of Health, being satisfied of the matters set out in section 54(3) of that Act, gives the following notice.

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Notice

- 1 Title**
This notice is the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—Compass Health Limited) Notice 2009.

Note
Changes authorised by subpart 2 of Part 2 of the Legislation Act 2012 have been made in this official reprint.
Note 4 at the end of this reprint provides a list of the amendments incorporated.
This notice is administered by the Ministry of Health.

2 Commencement

This notice comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.

3 Declaration of protected quality assurance activity

The Compass Health Limited quality assurance activity described in the Schedule is a protected quality assurance activity.

Schedule

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**Description of Compass Health Limited
Quality Assurance Activity****1 Objective**

The objective of the activity is to improve the practices and competence of health practitioners engaged in the activity by assessing the health services performed by those health practitioners.

2 Method

- (1) The activity is based on information derived from health practitioners who—
- (a) provide health services on behalf of Compass Health Limited; or
 - (b) are employed by Compass Health Limited to provide health services; or
 - (c) receive management support from Compass Health Limited.
- (2) The activity involves—
- (a) examining patients' records; and
 - (b) analysing the following data on patients:
 - (i) admission and discharge; and
 - (ii) morbidity and mortality; and
 - (iii) outcomes of treatment; and
 - (c) analysing the patient care process; and
 - (d) identifying and analysing any process or practice that results in an outcome for patients which may, but need not, be an adverse outcome; and

- (e) presenting and discussing the results obtained under paragraphs (a) to (d) by health practitioners engaging in the activity; and
- (f) undertaking multidisciplinary case reviews and peer reviews; and
- (g) reviewing—
 - (i) patient management; and
 - (ii) treatment decisions; and
 - (iii) internal auditing of procedures; and
 - (iv) outcomes of treatment; and
- (h) making recommendations on how the health practitioners who are engaging in the activity can improve their performance so as to—
 - (i) improve the quality of care they provide; and
 - (ii) reduce the incidence of adverse outcomes; and
- (i) facilitating and monitoring the implementation of any recommendations made under paragraph (h).

Dated at Wellington this 2nd day of June 2009.

Hon Tony Ryall,
Minister of Health.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This notice, which comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*, declares the quality assurance activity sponsored by Compass Health Limited to be a protected quality assurance activity. The effect of this declaration is that, subject to certain exceptions,—

- any information that becomes known solely as a result of the activity is confidential; and

- any documents brought into existence solely for the purposes of the activity are confidential; and
- the persons who engage in the activity in good faith are immune from civil liability.

Under section 54(4) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, this notice remains in force for a period of 5 years after the date on which it is issued, unless it is sooner revoked.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2012.
Date of notification in *Gazette*: 11 June 2009.

Reprints notes

1 *General*

This is a reprint of the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—Compass Health Limited) Notice 2009 that incorporates all the amendments to that notice as at the date of the last amendment to it.

2 *Legal status*

Reprints are presumed to correctly state, as at the date of the reprint, the law enacted by the principal enactment and by any amendments to that enactment. Section 18 of the Legislation Act 2012 provides that this reprint, published in electronic form, has the status of an official version under section 17 of that Act. A printed version of the reprint produced directly from this official electronic version also has official status.

3 *Editorial and format changes*

Editorial and format changes to reprints are made using the powers under sections 24 to 26 of the Legislation Act 2012. See also <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/editorial-conventions/>.

4 *Amendments incorporated in this reprint*

Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (2003 No 48): section 54(4)
