Dear Dr Surgeon,

I am writing to you asking for your input. As a supporter of the PNSA role I hope that you would be willing to take the time to provide supportive comment in an upcoming public consultation period being opened by the Medicare Review Advisory Committee (MRAC) and a sub-committee focusing on surgical assistant item numbers and issues – Surgical Assistant Working Group (SAWG).

I trust that you are aware that at present, PNSA services are not rebated from Medicare and as such are a gap to our patients. Our Association, AANSA have been working with SAWG and have made several submissions and presentations aimed at gaining provider numbers so that our patients can be rebated for surgical assistant items. It is expected that a 4-week consultation period will be opened very shortly, so that stakeholders such as surgeons, assistants, and health care consumers may comment on the validity and importance of PNSA’s gaining provider numbers.

Can I count on your support in this forum? AANSA is hoping to garner much support from individual surgeons in this round and indeed by the RACS as a group, along with some key Nursing groups and indeed from AANSA members as well.

I look forward to discussing this with you and I hope that you will show your support for my service to you and your patients.

Kind regards,

PNSA.