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Subject NIB, Mayne reach agreement on hospital treatment

NIB Health Funds and Mayne Health have agreed in principle to extend the existing contract at private hospitals owned and operated by the Mayne Health group.

NIB's Managing Director, Colin Rogers, announced today that the organisations had negotiated an arrangement that was satisfactory to both parties.

While NIB did not disclose details of the agreement, the proposed new funding arrangement reflects the rising costs of medical treatment and technology.

"We have always maintained that we would protect the interests of our members, and we are very pleased to have been able to negotiate a reasonable settlement," Mr Rogers said.

Mr Rogers said that all NIB members booked for treatment in Mayne hospitals were now assured of continued coverage by NIB to their level of entitlement for hospital charges associated with their episode of care.

Any NIB member booked for private hospital treatment wanting to clarify their situation can contact NIB's Customer Care Centre on 13 14 63.

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