

Australian Capital Territory

Health Act 1993

Quality Assurance Activity Declaration 2002 (No 1)

Notifiable Instrument NI2002—75

Explanatory Statement

Section 3A of the Health Act 1993 allows the Minister for Health to declare a quality assurance activity for the purposes of committees declared under section 7 (2)(a).

Section 7 (2)(a) provides for approval of public sector committees “to conduct quality assurance activities among health service providers for the purposes of assessing and evaluating the health services provided by or arranged to be provided by the Territory or a Territory authority and to report and make recommendations, to the Chief Executive in relation to those services and to monitor the implementation of the recommendations”.

The Australian Incident Monitoring System (AIMS) is a software- based system developed by the Australian Patient Safety Foundation (APSF) that aims to improve the quality and safety of health care through standardised monitoring and evaluation of adverse events. It incorporated the capacity for voluntary, no blame, anonymous reporting of adverse events in health care.

This notifiable instrument declares AIMS to be a quality assurance activity.