

## 18. List of unregistered health practitioners that will be captured under the National Code (*Liberal*)

- The National Code of Conduct applies to any person who provides a health service and is not subject to regulation under the NRAS. In some circumstances it also applies to health practitioners registered under the NRAS, to the extent that they provide services that are unrelated to their registration. The National Code of Conduct will be applicable, but not limited to, the following health occupations which are listed on the COAG Health Council website.

allied health assistants	medical scientists
art therapists	music, dance and drama therapists
aromatherapists	myotherapists
assistants in nursing	naturopaths
audiologists and audiometrists	nutritionists
ayurvedic medicine practitioners	optical dispensers
bioresonance practitioners	orthoptists
cardiac scientists	orthotists and prosthetists
clinical perfusionists	pharmacy assistants
complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) practitioners	counsellors and psychotherapists
dental technicians	phlebotomists
dental assistants	reflexologists
dietitians	reiki practitioners
herbalists	shiatsu therapists
homoeopaths	sleep technologists
hypnotherapists	social workers
lactation consultants	sonographers
massage therapists	speech pathologists

- The occupations are not listed in the Amendment Bill. The term *health care worker* is defined under clause 4 of the Amendment Bill (as an amendment to section 3, Terms used) to mean an individual who provides a health service whether or not the individual is a registered provider. (*Liberal*)
- There is a need for flexibility to ensure new and emerging occupations are covered. Prescription limits such flexibility.
- The key is that the practitioner is providing a 'health service', as defined in the *Health and Disability Services (Complaints) Act 1995*.