

Cleaning vehicle after transporting infectious patients banned as of tomorrow (19 June)

Dear Member,

As of tomorrow, HSU HealthShare PTOs should not clean their vehicle after transporting infectious patients due to the IRC handing down a decision restricting payment for those duties to the following classifications:

- Cleaners (Hospital Assistants Grade 1 and 2)
- Wardspersons
- Health and Security Assistants
- Patient Services Assistant (WSLHD)
- Support Services Officer (NSLHD and WSLHD)
- Patient Support Assistant (CCLHD)

Many members will miss the \$5.70 per shift they were required to undertake the duties. However this ban, which is permanent, will at least mean that other workers – who continue to be paid the allowance – will be employed to take up the slack.

As of tomorrow, as soon as you have transferred the care of an infectious patient, you should politely let the HUB know you are an HSU member and are participating in the ban. Let them know you'll be returning to your home station to have your vehicle cleaned as your last patient was deemed infectious. The HUB might ask you to travel to another location to have your vehicle cleaned. If they do, you should comply.

If you are threatened in anyway, again remind the person who is threatening you that you are a union member, and you are abiding by the ban. Contact your delegate as soon as possible to inform them of the incident. We will take appropriate action.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD