

HealthShare and the Ministry still don't care about patient safety

Dear Member,

ADHSU recently placed the following work bans: **no patient is to be unloaded unless there is an emergency, or they are at their final destination and HSU PTOs will not load a second patient in the vehicle if there is a chance they may be left alone at any point of the transport.** See newsletter [642/2018](#) for more information.

It would appear that HealthShare and the Ministry of Health are still not taking their obligations to keep patients safe seriously.

Members are becoming more and more concerned by the poor patient safety practices HealthShare have implemented. HealthShare are still expecting PTOs to leave a patient unattended in a vehicle with the keys in the ignition and the car running. It is illegal to keep your dog and your child in a vehicle unattended, however HealthShare believe it is acceptable to leave some of the most vulnerable members of our community alone in these vehicles.

Seeing as HealthShare and the Ministry of Health don't seem to care about the NSW community, HealthShare PTOs must advocate on their behalf. Therefore, a new ban is going to be introduced: **HSU PTOs will NOT multi-load ANY patient at all. Only 1 patient will be transported in a patient transport vehicle.**

These bans will continue until the Health Secretary meets with a delegation of HSU PTO members to answer our questions as to why patients do not come first in NSW.

The booking hub will continue to drop down multiple jobs at once to your MDT. Members should reply via the radio with *"As an HSU member, we have industrial action in place and we cannot take two patients at once, please remove the second job"*. If they still refuse to take the job off your screen, inform them which job you will be completing first.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD