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To: The Board of Trustees
The Principal Officer
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Dear Colleagues,

**Re: Changes to discipline number 049 000 (Sub-Acute Facilities) and
renaming of discipline 049 001 (Sub-Acute Facilities - Acute)**

The criteria for sub-acute facilities was compiled between 2000 and 2001 by industry stakeholder representatives, including DoH (Gauteng) and DENOSA. The main objective of the Private Sub-Acute Forum was to develop standards and criteria for sub-acute facilities in order to comply for approval and registration by the Provincial DoH and to qualify for a practice number.

Subsequent to the standards and criteria being developed, discipline 049 (sub-acute/step-down facilities) was introduced onto the PCN system. Sub-discipline number 000 was then introduced to cover all the various types of sub-acute facilities while the committee worked on properly identifying the various types of sub-acute facilities. Following this, the abovementioned committee added sub-discipline numbers 001 – 008 to describe the type of sub-acute facility, e.g. physical rehab.

However, the sub-acute facilities which at that time were allocated to the 000 sub-discipline number were never migrated to the correct sub-discipline number. BHF is now in the process of correcting this, therefore sub-discipline 000 will be closed on the discipline list as from the 1st February 2010 and all practice numbers under the sub-discipline 000 will be allocated to their correct sub-discipline numbers in consultation with the affected practices.

Further to this, it should be noted that the description "acute" under sub-discipline 001 will be changed to "general care" as indicated on the table below.

Discipline	Sub Discipline	Discipline Description	Sub Discipline Description
049	001	Sub-Acute Facility	General Care

The "general care" sub-acute facility will accommodate stable patients who do not require high technological care and treatment. Such a facility should be dedicated



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Yours sincerely,

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