

Dear External Providers,

Last week, CS Health took the step of suspending Order 43 medical services which also impacted on your practice. While we understand that this impact was inconvenient on your business, the rapidly changing circumstances with COVID-19 and the emergence of sustained community transmission has required a stringent reassessment of the delivery of Order 43 services. The steps taken by the Australian and NSW Governments, including the suspension of non-essential services, highlight the unprecedented depth of this event, and it is vital that the NSW Coal miners attending medical providers are not unnecessarily exposed to potential infection and in turn their families and work places.

To recommence Order 43 medical assessments as a Coal Services approved provider, you must satisfy the requirements below and provide confirmation to us. The medical and infection control requirements outlined below are in line with Order 43 service delivery and current Health Department guidelines regarding COVID-19. Please note that these may change further in the weeks ahead.

**Requirements to recommence providing Order 43 medicals:**

1. All updated calibration and equipment information required under Order 43 accreditation has been sent to Coal Services.
2. Provide evidence that the Practice / Practitioner has a process for screening all clients prior to and on arrival for possible COVID-19 infection or contact, in line with current Health Department guidelines.
3. Provide evidence that all Spirometers have hepatic or antiviral filters to protect clients from cross infection.
4. Provide evidence of current infection control procedures regarding equipment and clinical areas.
5. Provide assurance that the Practice / Practitioner has sufficient quantities of appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE) to protect NSW Coal mining clients from possible cross infection whilst undertaking Order 43 medical assessments.
6. Provide assurance that all medical practitioners and other health professionals assessing NSW coal mining clients are always using PPE including face shields, googles (not safety glasses), face masks, gowns and gloves.
7. Confirm that these requirements have been met by signing the declaration below.

This Declaration will be published on the CS Health Order 43 website to advise coal industry employers which medical providers are meeting the current Coal Services requirements.

**Declaration**

I Dr M Shah do solemnly and sincerely declare  
*(print name)*

that the above requested information provided to Coal Services is true and accurately reflects the clinical procedures in my practice. I understand that failure to comply with these procedures will result in my suspension from the Order 43 External Medical Practitioner network.

<b>Signature</b>			
<b>Name</b>	Dr M Shah	<b>Date</b>	27/03/2020

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