NSW Standing Health Committee

Summary report: October 2026

Latest meeting

The Standing Health Committee (SHC) met in Newcastle on **14 October 2026** to continue progressing development and review of the NSW Coal Industry Health Standards.



The SHC endorsed the second edition of the Cardiovascular Health Standard and version 2.1 of the Respiratory Health Standard and continues to progress the Sleep and Diabetes Health Standards.

Highlights and key initiatives

Cardiovascular Health Standard (CVHS 2.0):

- The SHC completed its **12-month review** of the CVHS, considering feedback from subject matter expert and cardiologist A/Prof Otton and endorsed the second edition of the standard.

Respiratory Health Standard (RHS 2.1):

- The minor changes to the RHS were endorsed. These changes do not impact medical practice, obligations or responsibilities associated with the second edition of this standard.

Sleep Health Standard (SHS):

- The SHC reviewed the draft SHS, including further feedback and industry data on proposed sleep study referral triggers and proposed CS Health provision of type 2 sleep studies to improve access for workers, particularly in regional areas.

Diabetes Health Standard (DHS):

- The draft DHS was reviewed with the feedback received during industry consultation and required further updates were identified
- Fact sheets, explainer videos and worker health campaign supporting resources were discussed
- The SHC revisited the briefing paper on the proposed HbA1c testing during Order 45 health assessments. CS Health confirmed this testing would be optional and would not commence until release of the Diabetes Health Standard.

Other:

- The SHC discussed support for workers who are certified as temporarily unfit, including a pilot program being undertaken by the CS Health Clinical Investigations Team that proactively contacts workers to offer support and assistance.
- Lachlan Bate provided an update on the Coal Services Health & Safety Trust and the SHC discussed potential future collaboration opportunities.

Recommendations and actions

- The Clinical Governance Committee to review and endorse CVHS 2.0 and RHS 2.1, with release expected in 2026. Key changes will be communicated to industry upon release.
- CS Health to submit the draft **Sleep Health Standard** to the subject matter expert (SME), sleep physician, Dr Ng for review.
- Further cost analysis being undertaken to compare sleep study provision through CS Health with external providers and consider additional supporting information requirements.
- CS Health to submit the draft **Diabetes Health Standard** to subject matter expert (SME), endocrinologist, Prof. Acharya for review.
- CS Health to finalise the HbA1c process and cost analysis and review relevant wording within the Diabetes Health Standard and supporting resources.

Next SHC meeting: 2 December 2026

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