



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Nurses and Midwives Get Patients Safely Home Sooner**

Nurses and midwives have today applauded the State Government for implementing the criteria led discharge initiative in order to get patients safely home sooner following the federation's long campaign for this reform.

“The announcement by the State Government that the 'criteria-led discharge' model, which helps reduce how long patients stay in hospital, will soon be rolled out across SA's metropolitan public hospitals, following a successful three-month pilot at Flinders Medical Centre, is welcomed by nurses and midwives” said Adj Assoc Professor Elizabeth Dabars, CEO/Secretary ANMF (SA Branch).

“We have been advocating for this positive reform for some time, and we are very pleased that the State Government has listened and is now acting to implement this important initiative.”

“This is a win-win outcome for patients and the health care system as a whole.”

“Individual patients benefit because they no longer have to wait unnecessarily in hospital when they are well and there is no medical reason for them to stay.”

“The health care system as a whole benefits because this means beds are freed-up more quickly, enabling the beds to be used by people who really need them.”

“The pilot program at Flinders Medical Centre has proved how successful this initiative can be, and we look forward to the benefits that will be felt by patients and the system as this initiative is rolled out across the State.”

“The initiative also recognises the valuable skills of nurses and midwives and that these skills will now be used to benefit the community.”

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