

## **STATEMENT FROM THE HEALTH INSURANCE AUTHORITY**

The Health Insurance Authority welcomes the interim measures announced by the Government today to benefit health insurance consumers by supporting the effective operation of the community rated market.

The measures announced are necessary to support the basis on which health insurance is provided at the same cost to all individuals regardless of age or health status.

Relevant statistics:

On average claim costs of people over the age of 70 are around 7 times the level of claim costs of adults under the age of 40.

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