

Health Information Strategy Action Committee

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HealthZone

The HISAC Infrastructure Sub-committee, at its meeting of 3 November 2006, considered the HealthZone application for accreditation to the Health Network, in accordance with New Zealand Health Network Code of Practice (SNZ HB8169:2002).

HealthZone is provided by Telecom and is a 'trusted' VPN service which means that users of HealthZone need to encrypt personal identifiable health information to protect its privacy.

The HealthZone product has been approved for accreditation with the proviso:

At time of registration, Telecom (Gen-i) must make health care providers that register for the Health Network aware of the requirement to encrypt identifiable health information when exchanging this information using HealthZone.

The existing Health Network registration processes will be updated to reflect this proviso.

Furthermore the HISAC website will include the HealthZone product description as soon as this is available.

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