

## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **RAMSAY HEALTH CARE - CHANGES TO SURGICAL RESTRICTIONS IN NSW AND VICTORIA**

Ramsay Health Care (Ramsay) (ASX: RHC) today notes the announcement by the NSW Ministry of Health that it is lifting restrictions on non-urgent elective surgery at all private and public facilities within Greater Sydney effective 25<sup>th</sup> October. Overnight elective surgery will be capped at 75 per cent in both public and private facilities in the Greater Sydney area, including Nepean Blue Mountains. Private facilities within this region can exceed this cap if they are providing surgery for public patients. The restrictions were introduced on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021.

Ramsay also notes changes made by the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services to the surgical restrictions imposed in that State from 23<sup>rd</sup> September<sup>1</sup>. Effective 14<sup>th</sup> October, only Category 1 and Category 2 elective surgeries have been allowed across both public and private hospitals and day surgeries in metropolitan Melbourne. This restriction does not apply to activity undertaken on behalf of the public health services or public hospitals and emergency surgery.

Surgical restrictions in Australia combined with the costs of operating in a COVID environment will have a material impact on Ramsay's FY22 earnings and will depend on their geographic coverage, extent and duration<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Please refer to Ramsay Health Care FY21 Results pack released to the market on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021 and the ASX announcement on 30<sup>th</sup> September for further details of these restrictions and the estimated financial impact