

## STAGE 1

### *The Director of PSR*



#### Decision: Should the matter be reviewed?

Once a matter is referred from Medicare Australia the Director will decide if inappropriate practice may have occurred. The Director can decide that there is no case to answer, or that a Committee of peers does need to review the matter. The Director can also enter an Agreement with a practitioner where the practitioner acknowledges inappropriate practice. The Director can not make a finding that inappropriate practice occurred.

## STAGE 2

### *The Committee of Peers*



#### Decision: Did inappropriate practice occur?

A Committee of peers will be created to review the practitioners MBS and PBSclaims. The committee will decide if inappropriate practice has occurred. The Committee will review documents and hold a hearing to make this decision. It will issue a preliminary and then a Final Report containing its finding. Once a Committee has decided that inappropriate practice has occurred it must provide its findings to the Determining Authority. The Committee can not make a decision on a suitable sanction.

## STAGE 3

### *The Determining Authority*



#### Decision: What is the suitable sanction?

The Determining Authority is a group of practitioners and a community representative. If the Committee informs them that inappropriate practice did occur, the Determining Authority will make a decision on a suitable sanction. This may include repayment of monies, a disqualification period, counselling or reprimand. If an Agreement is entered into, the Determining Authority must ratify the Agreement for it to take effect.