

AMII members vote for insurers to join membership

At an emergency general meeting held last week 40 out of 45 AMII members voted for the constitution to be changed to allow for insurer membership; which represented 40% of the body's membership overall.

The benefits of allowing insurers to become members include:

- A joined up 'one voice' approach for the UK PMI market
- Increased funding and stability
- Greater power to lobby for the industry on key issues

AMII has also been in discussions with Bupa for some time about membership and a verbal agreement has been made, but no contracts have been signed as yet.

Wayne Pontin, Chairman of AMII, said: "This move will enable AMII to represent all sides of the industry and become a more unified voice. With insurers on board and a joined up approach, AMII has more power to lobby on issues such as regulation and taxation."

Commenting on the decision, John Crisford, Managing Director of Sherwood Healthcare, said: "Having a trade body that is able to represent the PMI industry is essential and AMII have done a good job in this respect. The move to widen membership and include product providers should be welcomed as it allows the body to continue and improve on the excellent work already done."

Wayne Pontin added: "We will now be more financial stable going forward so that we can continue with our work with the CII and the IF7 Healthcare exam as well as promoting intermediated PMI advice"

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About AMII

The Association of Medical Insurance Intermediaries (AMII) was established in 1998 as a trade association for independent medical insurance advisers based in the UK.

AMII is the only specialist intermediary trade body within the Private Medical Insurance industry. All AMII members offer specialist advice on private medical insurance.

The Association promotes and maintains high standards of professional and ethical conduct amongst members, and aims to increase awareness of the role of specialist medical insurance advisers. AMII members adhere to a Code of Ethics and commit to on-going professional development.

Buying medical insurance from a member of AMII will give you access to specialist independent advice on a range of private medical insurance schemes from a number of different insurers.

All AMII members are authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority (FSA) to sell general insurance products.