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URGENT HEARING IN THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

The Department of Health and Ambulance made application for an urgent hearing this afternoon to the Industrial Relations Commission to avoid planned industrial action by the Health Services Union (HSU) who is threatening to put bans in place across NSW tomorrow morning from 8am.

These bans include;

- Only responding to emergency cases
- Only transferring patients from low acuity to high acuity
- Patient Transport Officers only transferring patients to hospital
- Non-compliance with the patient allocation matrix to hospitals
- Non completion of paperwork in relation to the billing of patients

The Full Bench of the IRC is convening at 6pm and has ordered all parties to attend.

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