
MEDICARE BENEFITS SCHEDULE REVIEW TASKFORCE

Dear Stakeholder

Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Review Taskforce— Reports from the Primary Care Reference Groups

As you will be aware, the MBS Review Taskforce is undertaking a program of work to consider how the more than 5,700 items on the MBS can be aligned with contemporary clinical evidence and practice in order to improve health outcomes for patients. The Taskforce has established Clinical Committees and Working Groups to undertake clinical reviews of MBS items.

Accordingly, the Primary Care Reference Groups (PCRGs) have reviewed 106 MBS items within its remit and made 75 draft recommendations to the Taskforce, based on evidence and clinical expertise, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, which were endorsed for consultation by the Taskforce in late 2018.

The Taskforce is now seeking feedback and comments from key stakeholders in the primary care sectors to review the report. You are invited to provide comments and feedback on the report based on your areas of expertise, knowledge and interests. The PCRGs will consider feedback from stakeholders then provide recommendations to the Taskforce in a final Report. The Taskforce considers the Reports from clinical committees and stakeholder feedback before making recommendations to the Minister for Health, for consideration by the Government.

The Taskforce is particularly interested in your views (and the views of your organisation) on the following questions:

1. Do you agree/disagree with each of the recommendations in the report? Could you please support your arguments with relevant clinical evidence?
2. Are there any aspects of primary care that have not been considered as part of this report that you consider require further investigation?

Your written feedback on the report is welcomed by **Friday 17 May 2019**. Responses can be sent to the Taskforce via email at MBSReviews@health.gov.au. Please mark your email to the attention of Ms Amy McLeod in the Department of Health.

I look forward to receiving your feedback and comments and thank you for supporting the work of the Taskforce's Clinical Committees through your valued advice and feedback. Please feel free to contact the MBS Review Unit in the Department of Health at the email address below if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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