

ABBREVIATIONS

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACOSS	Australian Council of Social Service
ACT	Australian Capital Territory
ADA	Australian Dental Association
AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
AMA	Australian Medical Association
ASA	Australian Society of Anaesthetists
ATSI	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
CHF	Consumers Health Forum of Australia
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
COTA	Council of the Ageing Australia
ED	Emergency Department
EMSN	Extended Medicare Safety Net
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GP	General Practitioner
MBS	Medicare Benefits Schedule
MTAA	Medical Technology Association of Australia
NACCHO	National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation
NHPA	National Health Performance Authority
NMETO	Net Medical Expenses Tax Offset
NRHA	National Rural Health Alliance
NSW	New South Wales
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

PBS	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme
PHIAC	Private health Insurance Administration Council
QAIHC	Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council
RACGP	Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
SEIFA	Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas
SHPA	Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia
SMSN	Single Medicare Safety Net
VACCHO	Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation