

## Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 24 FEBRUARY 2011 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

#### Human Services Portfolio

**Topic:** Medicare Billing

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**Senator:** Fierravanti-Wells

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#### Question:

**Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS** - We will detail those through Health and Ageing. I have a few final questions. What areas of Medicare billing are expanding most rapidly? Can you give me the number of billings and dollar value? Is that something—

**Ms McNally** - I will take that on notice.

**Ms Golightly** - Do you mean the type of service?

**Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS** - Yes. What is on the rise and what is on the decline.

#### Answer:

The following table identifies the top ten Medicare Benefit Schedule items which have increased in service volumes between the 2008-09 and 2009-10 financial years and their associated benefits. The table excludes Medicare Benefit Schedule items which have been ceased.

Item	FY 2008/2009		FY 2009/2010		Volume Increase	\$ Benefit Increase
	Services	\$ Benefit	Services	\$ Benefit		
10993	3,460,655	38,246,876	5,516,028	62,286,116	2,055,373	24,039,240
23	81,033,422	2,716,449,421	82,687,627	2,836,479,013	1,654,205	120,029,592
3	2,164,113	33,140,931	3,132,225	49,034,046	968,112	15,893,115
66512	11,008,266	164,478,003	11,899,367	177,816,783	891,101	13,338,780
66608	1,492,904	54,818,635	2,219,553	80,789,095	726,649	25,970,460
73928	14,901,147	221,417,031	15,263,539	136,021,705	362,392	85,395,326
10962	757,814	36,787,408	1,062,334	52,775,836	304,520	15,988,428
80110	1,482,745	120,768,097	1,745,941	145,780,237	263,196	25,012,140
116	6,301,968	364,996,282	6,544,052	387,822,798	242,084	22,826,516
73938	6,481,002	54,215,408	6,711,958	49,858,437	230,956	-4,356,971

The following table identifies the top ten Medicare Benefit Schedule items which have decreased in service volumes between the 2008-09 and 2009-10 financial years and their associated benefits. The table excludes Medicare Benefit Schedule items which have been ceased.

Item	FY 2008/2009		FY 2009/2010		Volume Decrease	\$ Benefit Decrease
	Services	\$ Benefit	Services	\$ Benefit		
66515	648,541	10,642,194	10,043	168,936	-638,498	-10,473,259
24	1,139,485	51,725,641	1,036,244	47,774,290	-103,241	-3,951,351
66655	893,097	15,619,053	801,267	13,909,458	-91,830	-1,709,595
12533	109,760	7,236,413	33,600	2,258,237	-76,160	-4,978,176
58115	197,510	22,342,663	124,006	14,265,374	-73,504	-8,077,289
66536	1,983,000	19,035,783	1,920,596	18,189,577	-62,404	-846,206
2710	605,225	94,212,001	546,904	86,954,456	-58,321	-7,257,545
73055	298,255	5,010,879	243,171	4,118,873	-55,084	-892,006
73929	760,922	1,560,360	715,761	1,467,843	-45,161	-92,517
73936	459,298	3,849,623	415,559	2,653,276	-43,739	-1,196,348

Detailed Medicare Benefit Schedule item descriptions are available at the Department of Health and Ageing website [www.mbsonline.gov.au](http://www.mbsonline.gov.au).