

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Healthcare Homes - Payments

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Griff, Stirling

Question:

Can the Department confirm whether the following items are quarantined and separate from the bundled payments:

- a) Item 715 (MBS item for indigenous preventative health assessments)
- b) Item 10987 (follow up items for issues identified in the indigenous preventative health assessments)
- c) Items 701, 703, 705, 707 (MBS items for Health assessments)

Answer:

Health Care Home bundled payments are intended to cover the full range of comprehensive chronic disease management services provided by Health Care Homes to their enrolled patients. The provision of comprehensive and preventative health assessment services (under MBS items 701, 703, 705, 707 and 715) and related follow up services provided by practice nurses and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners (under MBS items 10987 and 10997) are considered by the Department of Health to be core chronic disease management services to be provided by Health Care Homes to their enrolled patients, and are therefore covered by the bundled payment.

The Department is currently consulting with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health sector and government on the specific use of the MBS Item 715 and whether there is a case for excluding it from the bundled payment tiers.