

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Health Care Homes

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

In November last year the Department published a Health Care Homes fact sheet which said that patients in the trial would only be eligible for “Medicare funding for up to five general practice visits that are not related to their chronic illness.” Is there a cap on the number of times a HCH patient can visit a GP outside their trial?

Answer:

Enrolled patients can still access fee-for-service episodes of care not related to their chronic conditions. The number of fee-for-service episodes of care will not be capped or restricted.