

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:

If the number of visits a patient undertakes outside the HCH trial exceeds five, will the Department take any action? Is there any limit that would trigger action from the Department?

Answer:

The Department of Health will be monitoring the use of fee-for-service episodes of care during stage one of Health Care Homes. The use of fee-for service items is expected to be small. A limit has not yet been set to trigger any action that the Department may take. The focus of compliance activity for stage one will be education and training.