

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

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Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

For patients in the trial, how many fewer fee-for-service GP visits is the Department estimating per person?

Answer:

All general practice health care associated with a patient's chronic conditions, including that provided by a practice nurse or nurse practitioner working in the Health Care Home (HCH) previously funded through the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS), will be funded through the bundled payment.

Enrolled patients will be able to access fee-for-service episodes of care not related to a patient's chronic conditions. This will also enable patients to visit different practices, for example when travelling.

Based on clinical advice, it is expected that for the vast majority of HCH patients, the number of fee-for-service episodes of care, in addition to the bundled payment, will be small.

This will be monitored during the stage one trial of HCH.