

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

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**Question:** E13-169

**OUTCOME:** 3 – Access to medical Services

**Topic:** Chronic Disease Management Services

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**Senator:** Fierravanti-Wells

**Question:**

- a) In a given year, how many occasions of billing a standard consultation and GP management plan are there for the same patient on the same day?
- b) Is that data on where this occurs by rural classification? In other words, is it more prevalent in rural and remote areas than in metropolitan areas?

**Answer:**

- a) In 2011-12, a total of 1.5 million GP chronic disease management plan services (item 721) were provided. Of these, 347,112 standard consultations were co-claimed for a patient on the same day. (Standard GP consultations are those categorised in the Medicare Benefits Schedule as Professional Attendances, Group A1.)

These data differ from the Budget announcement that stated in 2011-12, 4.3 million GP chronic disease management services were provided. This is because the Budget announcement included all three GP chronic disease management items (ie items 721, 723, 732). Of the 4.3 million GP chronic disease management services provided, 708,000 had a standard consultation claimed for the same patient on the same day.

- b) In 2011-12, the breakdown of the approximately 708,000 standard GP consultations provided on the same day as GP management service (items 721, 723 and 732) by (Australian Standard Geographical Classification [ASGC] 2006) were:
  - 66.4 per cent in Major City;
  - 24.3 per cent in Inner Regional;
  - 7.7 per cent in Outer Regional;
  - 1.3 per cent in Remote and; and
  - 0.3 per cent in Very Remote.