

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 2/3 June 2014

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OUTCOME: 3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services

Topic: Medicare Benefits Schedule Indexation

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Which MBS item numbers does the indexation freeze apply to?

Answer:

The indexation freeze applies to all Medicare Benefits Schedule items except:

- All items in Group A1 (GP attendances to which no other item applies)
- All items in Group A5 (Prolonged attendances to which no other item applies)
- All items in Group A6 (Group therapy)
- Items 193, 195, 197, and 199 in Group A7 (Acupuncture)
- Items 597 and 599 in Group A11 (Urgent attendances after hours)
- Items 701 to 715 in Group A14 (Health assessments)
- Items 721 to 758 in Group A15 (GP management plans, team care arrangements and multidisciplinary care plans and case conferences)
- All items in Group A17 (Domiciliary and residential medication management reviews)
- All items in Group A18 (GP attendances associated with PIP payments)
- All items in Group A20 (Mental health care)
- All items in Group A22 (GP after-hours attendances to which no other item applies)
- All items in Group A27 (Pregnancy support counselling)
- Item 139 in Group A29 (Early intervention services for children with autism, pervasive developmental disorder or disability)
- All items in Group A30 (Medical practitioner video conferencing consultation - telehealth)
- All items in Group M1 (Management of bulk-billed services)