

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 4 - Individual Health Benefits

Topic: Medicare Benefits Schedule Items

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Siewert, Rachel

Question:

- a) What is the difference between Medicare Benefits Schedule items 80110 and 80010?
- b) Is it just that one is for clinical psychologists and the other is for non-clinical psychologists?
- c) Why is there a difference in the rates of subsidy?

Answer:

- a) Medicare Benefits Schedule item 80110 is for services to be provided by a psychologist registered with Medicare as meeting the credentialing requirements for provision of this service.

Medicare Benefits Schedule item 80010 is for services to be provided by a clinical psychologist registered with Medicare as meeting the credentialing requirements for provision of this service.

- b) Yes.
- c) There are several endorsed areas of practice recognised by the Psychology Board of Australia (PsyBA), including clinical psychology and each area represents a different advanced set of knowledge and skills.

The difference in the rates of subsidy is due to the advanced set of knowledge and skills recognised of a clinical psychologist.