

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 19 October 2011

Question: E11-012

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: Medicare Benefits

Written Question on Notice

Senator Cash asked:

Do all other temporary visa holders from Reciprocal Health Care Agreement countries, except 410 and 405 visa holders, qualify for Medicare benefits under the same eligibility criteria as, for example, 457 visa holders?

Answer:

Holders of temporary visas other than temporary retirement visas who meet the eligibility requirements of the Reciprocal Health Care Agreement (RHCA) are able to receive Medicare benefits available under the RHCA.