

2021-2022 FEDERAL BUDGET AT A GLANCE

COVID-19

- \$1.9 billion to drive the COVID-19 vaccine rollout
- \$557.1 million to test for COVID-19 transmission, including funding for MBS pathology items
- \$169.8 million to ensure access to safe services, medicines and up-to-date information on COVID-19. This includes \$87.5 million to support GP-led Respiratory Clinics treat patients, \$11.5 million to deliver the Home Medicine Service, and \$7.1 million to ensure mental wellbeing service support through Beyond Blue
- \$29.9 million investment in the preparedness and capacity of the National Medical Stockpile, and ensure health and aged care workers can access personal protective equipment
- \$204.6 million to extend telehealth arrangements until 31 December 2021

Mental health

- \$1.4 billion in high quality and person-centred treatment, specifically the development of a national network including up to 57 extra mental health treatment centres and satellites for adults, youth and children, through Head to Health and headspace programs
- \$248.6 million for prevention and early intervention, including \$111.2 million in digital services to create a single digital platform under Head to Health that will provide online professional counselling, peer support, clinical support and referrals
- \$34.2 million to support GPs in their role as a key entry point into the mental health system by expanding and implementing the Initial Assessment and Referral (IAR) tool in primary care settings
- \$298.1 million towards suicide prevention, including \$12.8 million for a National Suicide Prevention Office to oversee the national whole-of-government approach to suicide prevention
- \$107 million for supporting the vulnerable, including \$79 million for key initiatives under a renewed National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy
- \$202 million for strengthening workforce and governance arrangements, including \$15.9 million to support GPs and other medical practitioners to provide primary mental healthcare

Preventative health

- \$1.9 million to kick-start immediate priorities outlined in the National Preventive Health Strategy 2021-2030, once finalised:
 - \$125.9 million to improve cancer screening, including \$6.9 million towards five lung cancer care nurses to provide support to patients and their families and for lung cancer related research activities, \$32.8 million to support cervical screening programs, and \$67.6 million to the BreastScreen Australia program
 - \$74.1 million for alcohol and drug services, including \$16.8 million for drug and alcohol treatment services such as residential services, and \$1.5 million for the successful Hello Sunday Morning Daybreak Program

Aged care

In response to the Aged Care Royal Commission, the Government will invest:

- \$365.7 million to improve access to primary care for senior Australians and to better support their transition between the aged care and health care systems. This investment includes:
 - \$68.1 million to double the maximum yearly incentive payment for face-to-face services by GPs within residential aged care facilities, through the Aged Care Access Incentive
 - \$36.5 million to continue the Greater Choice for At Home Palliative Care initiative in all 31 PHNs
 - \$202.3 million for Primary Health Networks to support the health of senior Australians, including telehealth, out of hours support, and dementia pathways to support assessment and referral

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health

- \$63.3 million to prioritise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and ageing outcomes, including:
 - \$22.6 million to reform the Practice Incentives Program – Indigenous Health Incentive, encouraging continuity of care and extending the program to children under 15 years and for GP mental health care plans
 - \$19.1 million to continue to improve Australia's trachoma elimination program, supporting the elimination of this blindness-causing infection in 2022
 - 30 workplace training packages will be allocated to Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations, out of 90 places worth \$9.6 million, through the Allied Health Rural Generalist Pathway