



Budget 2024-25

This information is accurate as of 14 May 2024.

Strengthening Medicare – Medicare Urgent Care Clinics – additional funding

This measure will boost the Medicare Urgent Care Clinics (Medicare UCC) program. It builds on successive investments since the 2022–23 October Budget, supporting the Australian Government’s commitment to strengthening Medicare.

This measure will:

- expand the program with a further 29 Medicare UCCs (taking the program to 87 clinics nationally), which includes establishing new clinics and transitioning some existing urgent care services to the program
- cover Medicare Benefit Schedule (MBS) flow-on costs and authority associated with the additional clinics, where required
- include MBS flow-on costs for the addition of appropriate non-vocationally registered general practitioner, echocardiogram and pregnancy MBS items to the Medicare UCC program.

Services Australia will get \$3.2 million over 3 financial years to continue to support through to 2025–26.

This measure is led by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

This measure isn’t subject to legislation passing.

Who this measure affects

This benefits Australians who will be able to get the urgent care they need in more locations, service providers and commissioners.

When this starts and finishes

This measure starts 1 July 2024 and ends on 30 June 2026.