



Budget 2026-27

This information is accurate as of 12 May 2026.

Thriving Kids

CATEGORY: Health and disability

This measure introduces a 3-year-old health assessment service under the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS). The Thriving Kids health assessment will be recognised as an acceptable health check under the Healthy Start for School requirements for Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A purposes.

Service Australia customers who are subject to the Healthy Start for School requirements will be notified about this service.

The health assessment may be provided by a general practitioner or prescribed medical practitioner and will be available to all 3-year-olds who are eligible for Medicare. This service allows general practitioners to assess the health and development of children and, where relevant, refer them for appropriate support.

This cohort is now eligible for time-tiered health assessment items in Group A14 and Group A7 Subgroup 5 (MBS items 701-707 and 224-227). There will be no changes to:

- item descriptors
- MBS fees and benefits
- bulk billing incentives
- Extended Medicare Safety Net arrangements
- co-claiming restrictions for these items.

This measure will also enable the creation of a National Digital Child Health Record in My Health Record and will upgrade the Individual Healthcare Identifier web service to ensure newborns are accurately identified, registered and their health records are seamlessly integrated into the health care system from birth.

Services Australia will get \$27.1 million through to 2029–30 to implement this measure.

This measure is led by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

This measure isn't subject to legislation passing.

Who this measure affects

This affects Australian parents and guardians and their children.

When this starts and finishes

This measure begins on 1 November 2026 and is ongoing.