



Budget 2026-27

This information is accurate as of 12 May 2026.

Continuing to support veterans and their families

CATEGORY: Health and disability

This measure provides \$169.7 million over five years from 2025-26 (and \$58.8 million per year ongoing) to increase allied health provider fees for Veteran Card holders from 1 July 2027.

The increase to allied health provider fees responds to Recommendation 71 of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide, which called for increases to Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) fee schedules to mitigate the challenges veterans face in accessing health care.

This is the largest increase in allied health fees in over 20 years and will increase access and choice for veterans when accessing the support they need.

This investment is enabled by savings of \$748 million over three years from 2027-28 (and \$340.2 million per year ongoing) from the introduction of a new \$5,000 Annual Monetary Limit that Veteran Card holders can spend on allied health services each financial year, based on their individual treatment preferences. Further savings of \$30.1 million over three years from 2027-28 (and \$12.2 million per year ongoing) will be achieved from simplifying referral requirements for veterans.

This will ensure veterans can access the treatment they need and reduce overservicing that can occur. This measure includes a mechanism for DVA to consider funding allied health services for veterans above their \$5,000 package where there is a valid clinical need.

Services Australia will implement the system changes required for this measure, including MyService enhancements so veterans can track their allied health expenditure in real time.

This measure is led by the DVA with further detail available on their website.

This measure is not subject to legislation passing.

Who this measure affects

Eligible Veteran Card holders.

When this starts and finishes

This measure starts on 1 July 2027 and will be ongoing.