BUILDING A 21st CENTURY HEALTH SYSTEM for all Australians

“My key reform objectives are to ensure that consumers are at the centre of all decisions and reforms, patients have better health outcomes, and health services are well-integrated, efficient and better delivered.”

Sussan Ley
Minister for Health
Minister for Aged Care
Minister for Sport
Fair public hospital funding
Hospital patients will receive care when they need it, with an additional $2.9 billion in Commonwealth investment that will place a greater focus on patient outcomes and safety, particular for those Australians with chronic disease.

Child & Adult Public Dental Scheme
Adult concession card holders as well as children will have more affordable access to dental care through a new national public dental scheme that will see the Commonwealth double its contribution towards frontline public dental services from 1 July.

Private health insurance
Consumers will get better value for money, products that better meet their needs and greater competition in the $19 billion private health insurance industry, as the Government lays down the building blocks needed to implement real, lasting structural reform of the sector.

Digital health
People will find it easier to navigate the health system as the Government rolls out the new My Health Record. These reforms will allow everything from patients conveniently storing prescription information for their pharmacist through to doctors having life-saving access to a person’s allergies in a medical emergency.

PRIMARY CARE

Healthier Medicare
Australians will have a Healthier Medicare that provides up-to-date, quality services, including the innovative Health Care Homes model of chronic care – one of the largest reforms since Medicare began 30 years ago.

Primary Health Networks
Australian communities will receive better health care tailored to the needs of their local community through the creation of Primary Health Networks, which will play a cornerstone role in delivering many of the Government’s key reforms.
Mental health

Australians with mental health issues will get the integrated care they need thanks to once-in-a-generation national reform that will see greater focus on personalised care tailored to their needs to prevent them falling through cracks in the system.

Aged care

For the first time, aged care funding will follow the person rather than the provider as the aged care sector moves to a consumer-driven and competitive system, with stronger protection for vulnerable older Australians.

Medical research

Australia will realise the unlimited potential of life-saving and life-changing medical breakthroughs in future years as the Government continues its commitment to the landmark $20 billion Medical Research Future Fund.
Sport is integral to the Australian way of life. We all benefit from being active, and from ongoing Government support for sport, from the grassroots level – including through Sporting Schools and Play.Sport.Australia – to elite performance in international competition.

Cancer Prevention

Australia continues to be a world leader in cancer prevention and control, with a new National Cancer Screening Register to begin in May next year.

Health workforce

Consumers will have better access to doctors, nurses and allied health professionals as the Government continues to invest in general practice and the primary care workforce. A strong health workforce is the key to building a 21st century health system for all Australians.

Rural Health

People living in the bush will have better access to health services as the Australian Government continues to bridge the city-country divide by supporting health professionals, particularly GPs, through better location incentives, scholarships and training facilities.

Ice

The National Ice Taskforce responded to the alarming scourge of Ice which continues to devastate Australian communities with a comprehensive raft of measures including treatment, after care, education, prevention and community engagement.

Women’s Health

Women’s health continues to be a priority through better detecting invasive breast cancers, supporting women in pregnancy, and encouraging young women to be more active with the message: ‘Make Your Move.’

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