



Budget 2022-23

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Guaranteeing Medicare – Supporting Patient Access to magnetic resonance imaging

CATEGORY: Your health

This measure will expand access to Medicare funded Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) services. It will also provide critical diagnostic imaging services to more regional and rural Australians.

The current MRI Medicare equipment eligibility requirements, known as licencing, will be removed from all MRI machines located in Modified Monash Model Areas 2-7. Providers will also be eligible to provide Medicare funded MRI scans.

This measure will improve access to Medicare eligible MRI scans in regional and rural communities. It is expected to reduce travel time and out-of-pocket expenses for patients. This will help to ensure people can access MRIs regardless of where they live across Australia. It will make the process easier for both patients and providers.

This measure is subject to the passage of legislation.

Who does this measure affect?

This affects regional and rural Australians and providers.

When will this start and finish?

This measure will start on 1 November 2022 and is ongoing.