



# Budget 2023-24

This information is accurate as of 9 May 2023.

## Medicare Urgent Care Clinics – additional funding

This measure will continue to establish more than 50 Medicare Urgent Care Clinics (Medicare UCCs).

Medicare UCCs will deliver a new model of care which will reduce pressure on hospital emergency departments. These clinics will make it easier for Australian families to see a healthcare professional when they have an urgent, but not life-threatening, need for care.

Services Australia will provide ICT system changes to make it easier for Medicare UCCs and their doctors to apply for the additional Medicare provider numbers they need for claiming purposes. The agency will build a streamlined digital process to apply for provider numbers in Health Professional Online Services. The agency will also provide ongoing service delivery and help desk support to the clinics and their staff.

This measure is led by the Department of Health and Aged Care. Services Australia has been allocated a total of \$7.1 million through to the 2026-27 financial year to support the implementation of this measure.

This measure is subject to legislation passing.

### **Who this measure affects**

This measure affects people who require urgent care.

### **When this starts and finishes**

This measure started from the 2022-23 October Budget and will end on 30 June 2027.