



# Budget 2024-25

This information is accurate as of 14 May 2024.

## Support to Individuals from Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories affected by the Hamas-Israel conflict

This measure will extend Medicare eligibility to people:

- from significantly affected areas of Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT)
- who have been granted a Bridging Visa E (BVE) with work rights by the Department of Home Affairs.

This includes their immediate family members on a BVE.

A new Ministerial Order will be created under subsection 6(1) of *the Health Insurance Act 1973* by the Minister for Health and Aged Care. The order will apply retrospectively from 31 January 2024.

Services Australia will get \$0.7 million through to 2024–25 to provide support through:

- performing project delivery tasks
- data engineering activities
- ICT configuration changes.

Eligible individuals can begin enrolling into Medicare from September 2024. They can still access Medicare benefits for health and medical costs incurred during their eligible period while they wait for their enrolment to be processed.

This measure is led by the Department of Home Affairs.

This measure is subject to legislation passing.

### Who this measure affects

This affects people from significantly affected areas of Israel and the OPT.

### When this starts and finishes

This measure started on 31 January 2024 and will end on 30 June 2025.