



Budget 2025–26

This information is accurate as of 25 March 2025.

Strengthening Medicare – women's health

This measure will increase Medicare Benefit Schedule (MBS) fees for existing long-acting reversible contraception MBS items. It will also create new MBS items to expand access and reduce out-of-pocket costs for patients.

This measure will:

- increase the MBS fee for 4 existing MBS items used to administer long-acting reversible contraception services
- create 3 new MBS items for nurse practitioners to use for long-acting reversible contraception services
- create 2 new MBS items that provide for a percentage additional fee loading (set at 40%), to encompass the existing 4 long-acting reversible contraception items.

Services Australia will receive \$3.8 million from 2025–26 through to 2028–29 to administer this measure.

This measure is led by the Department of Health and Aged Care and is informed by recommendations from the Government's MBS Review Advisory Committee (MRAC).

This measure is not subject to legislation passing.

Who this measure affects

This affects patients who are eligible for MBS items relating to long-acting reversible contraception and health professionals providing these services. The MRAC continues to consider further health professionals who may be able to deliver these services in order to improve access.

When this starts and finishes

This measure starts on 1 November 2025 and is ongoing.