

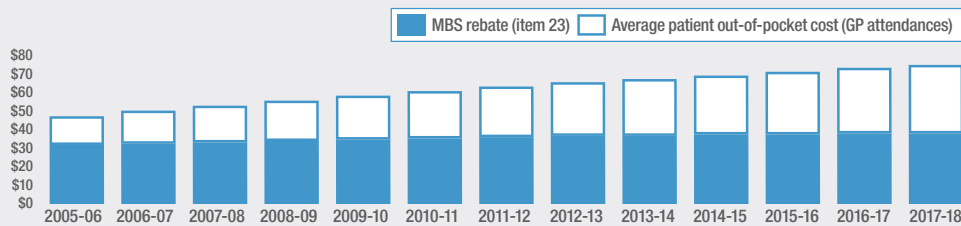
# GPs are calling on the next Australian Government to prioritise patients

## The issues

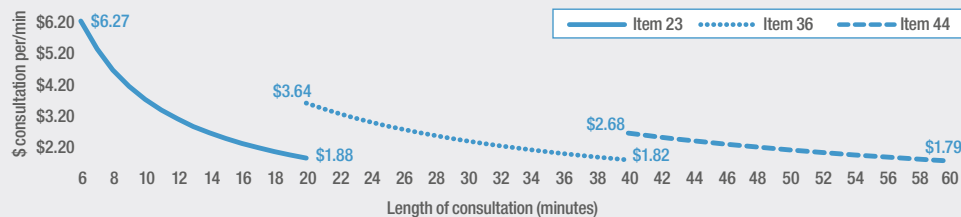
### Patients are not supported to:

- access their GP via phone, email or video
- spend the necessary time talking to their GP about their mental health and their complex healthcare needs.

### Patient rebates do not reflect the true cost of care



### Patient rebates decrease in value each minute they spend with their GP



## The next Australian government needs to invest in the health of all Australian families, now and into the future

### Modernise medicine:



- by removing MBS rules that say GP consultations must be provided face-to-face
- by supporting secure messaging between general practices, patients and other health providers.

### Support mental health:



- by creating additional general practice mental health items for consultations over 40 and 60 minutes
- by investing in Mental Health Treatment Plans to improve their usability and functionality.

### Address rising patient out of pocket costs:



- by increasing the value of patient rebates to reflect the real cost of general practice services
- by introducing automatic increases for patient rebates that fully reflect the rising costs of providing medical care.

### Recognise complex care:



- by increasing the MBS rebate for longer GP consultations by 18.5%, to support complex consultations and to align patient rebates with other medical specialists
- by fully funding recommendations in the RACGP's Vision for general practice and a sustainable healthcare system.