

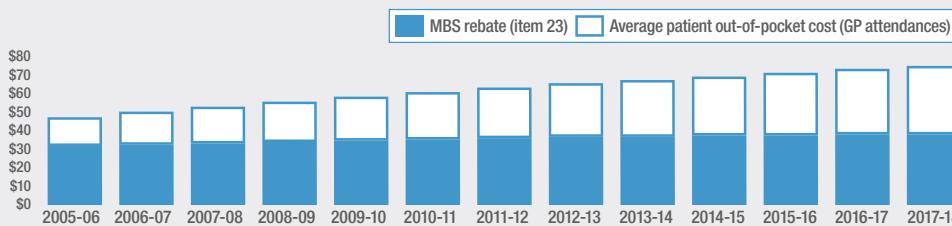
GPs are calling on the next Australian Government to prioritise patients

The issues

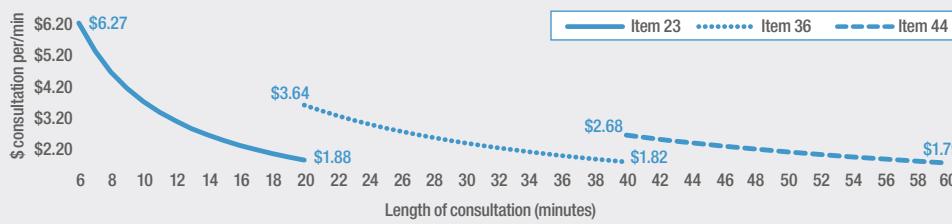
Patients are not supported to:

- 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.