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HTA Improvement and Cost Recovery Section
GPO Box 9848
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Via email: HTAImprovement@health.gov.au

Dear HTA Improvement and Cost Recovery Section,

Re: Proposal to introduce a cost recovered pathway for Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC)

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) welcomes the opportunity to provide comments on the proposal to introduce a cost recovered pathway for the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC).

The Government has a duty to ensure that effective health services and products are available to the public and this is a role performed admirably by MSAC. We have concerns that the introduction of a cost recovery model will act as a barrier to the introduction and availability of effective new technologies and services and therefore, negatively impact on patient care.

Furthermore, we would envisage that every organisation submitting a proposal to MSAC will believe their product or service is in the public interest.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback. For any enquiries regarding this letter, please contact Stephan Groombridge, National Manager, eHealth and Quality Care on 03 8699 0544 or stephan.groombridge@racgp.org.au

Yours sincerely



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President