



YOU PAY FOR THE HEALTH SYSTEM – SO HAVE YOUR SAY ON HOW IT WORKS!

The Consumers Health Forum of Australia (CHF) is the organisation that represents health consumer groups and individual health consumers who want to improve everyday health services.

It is your experiences, good and bad, and your knowledge that needs to be listened to and acted upon.

We are coming to your community to give consumers an opportunity to share their thoughts on National Health Issues. We will bring consumers from around the area to share their stories and their ideas on the Australian health system. This is the perfect opportunity to network with fellow members of your community and have your concerns heard by Australia's peak consumer health organisation!

The health services that you can claim a **Medicare** rebate for, or that are bulk billed, are determined by the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS). It provides the funding to allow consumers to visit their GP, medical specialists or a range of allied health services like optometry and some types of physiotherapy.

The MBS costs taxpayers \$14.3 billion each year and the Federal Government wants to know if you think that money is being well spent. The "MBS Quality Framework" aims to ensure that all services covered by Medicare do what they are supposed to do, are in line with the latest scientific evidence, are cost effective and affordable and result in improved health for Australians.

This process needs YOUR input!

CHF is conducting a consumer consultation workshop in your state to give YOU, the health consumer a say on important issues like:

- How should Government decide what gets covered by Medicare?
- How can we ensure services funded by the Government are the safest, effective and cost effective?
- How can consumers be involved and have their voices heard?

- How should the Scheduled fee for services be set?
- How should new and yet to be evaluated services be made available?
- **What else is important to you???**

Brisbane	Monday 2 August
Mount Isa	Tuesday 3 August
Darwin	Thursday 5 August
Canberra	Wednesday 11 August
Sydney	Friday 13 August
Melbourne	Tuesday 17 August
Hobart	Wednesday 18 August
Perth	Tuesday 24 August
Adelaide	Wednesday 25 August
Port Augusta	Thursday 26 August

If you're interested, or know someone who might be or you just want to know more, please contact Sarah Watt, CHF Project Officer at s.watt@chf.org.au or on (02) 6273 5444 (STD calls will be returned).

Visit our website: <https://www.chf.org.au/medicare-benefits-schedule-keydocs.php>

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