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Guaranteeing Medicare — improving quality and safety through stronger compliance

This measure improves Medicare compliance arrangements and debt recovery practices to ensure Medicare services are targeted at serving the health needs of Australian patients. It supports making Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS), Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), Department of Veterans' Affairs and Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency data collected by the Department of Human Services (the Department) available within the Department of Health's environment.

The data includes all relevant Medicare programme claims and payment data, including patient, provider and supplier details related to MBS, PBS, Child Dental Benefits Schedule programs and other health related incentive payment schemes.

This measure will support better targeting investigations into fraud, inappropriate practice and incorrect claiming, and will use data analytics and behavioural driven approaches to improve compliance

Legislative changes are needed to allow the Department of Health to routinely match MBS and PBS data, which it already holds. There are currently no legislative restrictions on the transfer of this data to the Department of Health.

Who is affected by this measure?

Improved compliance and debt recovery benefits all Australians, including patients, taxpayers and health providers, through a clinically and cost-effective Medicare that is protected against fraud and inappropriate practices.

When will this start and finish?

This measure starts 1 July 2019 and is ongoing.