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To News/Health
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Subject NT News article "No bulk billing for new clinic" [SEC=UNC

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Dear Kay

The following has been cleared by Meredith Taylor

Potential responses for the NT News article regarding the Palmerston and Darwin GP Super Clinics today:

- The public meeting was told that there is an expectation that GP Super Clinics will bulk bill, with applications proposing full bulk billing of Medicare services receiving favourable attention.
- There was a discussion at the meeting about the focus of services in GP Super Clinics being on patients with, or at risk of chronic disease and, in light of that, the importance of providing targeted services that meet identified population health needs of the community. This is consistent with the objectives of the GP Super Clinics Program, as set out in the National Program Guide, available at www.health.gov.au/gpsuperclinics
- Challenges associated with making sure that patients with, or at risk of, chronic disease are attracted to the clinic, including promoting the multidisciplinary, team based approach to service delivery, were discussed.

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