Total Medicare Statistics, 2025-26 Jul-Sep YTD

Services

122.7m

Last Year: 121.6m

Benefits \$8.7b

Last Year: \$8.3b

Bulk Billed Services

91.7m

Last Year: 91.6m

Total GP Non-Referred

National Bulk Billing Rate 74.7%

Last Year: 75.3%

Average Patient Contribution*

\$84.70

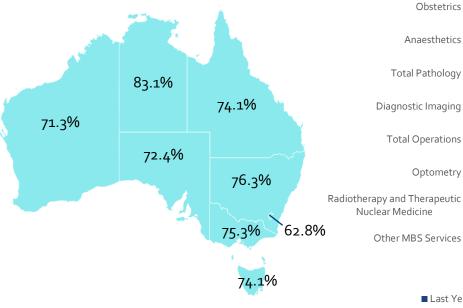
Last Year: \$78.93

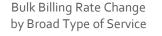
*Out of Hospital, Patient Billed Services

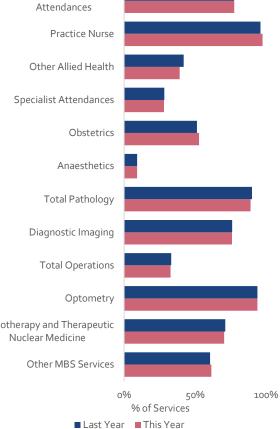
Medicare subsidises the cost of medical services listed in the Medicare Benefits Schedule. In 2025-26 Jul-Sep YTD, total Medicare services increased from 121.6m to 122.7m, whilst total benefits paid increased from \$8.3b to \$8.7b.

Bulk billed services are provided at no cost to the patient. The bulk billing rate is defined as bulk billed services divided by total services.

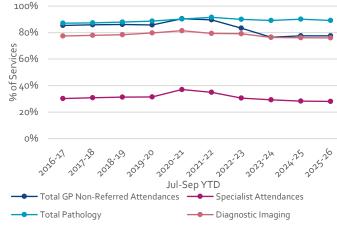
Bulk Billing Rate



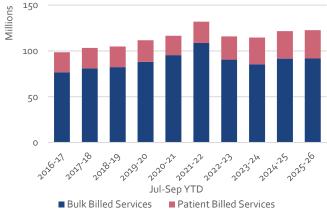




Bulk Billing Rate by Selected Service Types



Services by Billing Type





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GP Non-Referred Attendances (GP NRA), 2025-26 Jul-Sep YTD

GP NRA Services
42.3M

Last Year: 43.3m

GP NRA Benefits \$2.5b

Last Year: \$2.5b

GP NRA Bulk Billed Services

32.9m

Last Year: 33.6m

National GP NRA Bulk Billing Rate

77.6%

Last Year: 77.6%

GP NRA Average Patient Contribution*

\$50.49

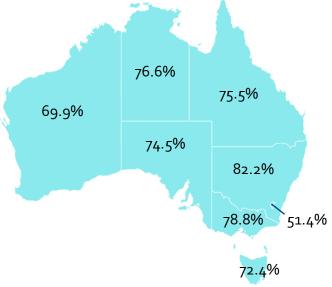
Last Year: \$46.64
*Out of Hospital, Patient Billed Services

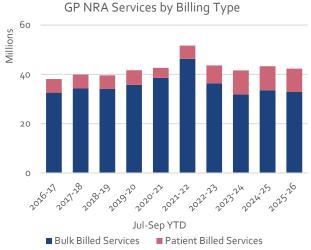
GP NRA services account for 34.5% of Medicare services. In 2025-26 Jul-Sep YTD, there were **42.3m GP NRA services, down from 43.3m** in the same

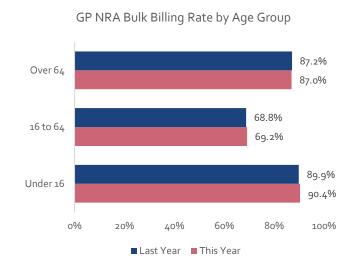
period in the previous year. **GP NRA benefits paid** remains stable at \$2.5b.

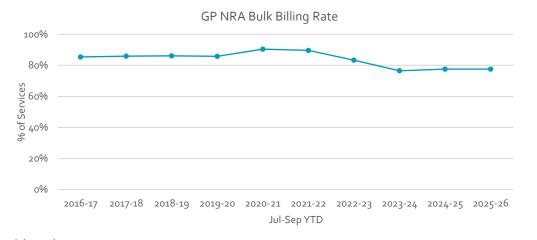
Bulk billed services are provided at no cost to the patient. The bulk billing rate is defined as bulk billed services divided by total services.

GP NRA Bulk Billing Rate











GP Non-Referred Attendances – Bulk Billing Rate by PHN, 2025-26 Jul-Sep YTD

Primary Health Networks (PHNs) are independent organisations that are government-funded to coordinate primary health care in their region. Bulk billed services are provided at no cost to the patient. The bulk billing rate is defined as bulk billed services Northern Queensland: 78.4% Northern Territory: 76.6% divided by total services. Central Queensland, Wide Western Queensland: 79.4% Bay, Sunshine Coast: 75.3% Country WA: 75.6% Brisbane North: 67.1% **Darling Downs and** Brisbane South: 75.4% West Moreton: Gold Coast: 80.2% 80.9% North Coast: 80.6% Country SA: 77.2% Hunter New England and Western NSW: 82.0% Central Coast: 73.6% Perth North: 65.4% Perth South: 71.8% Nepean Blue Mountains: 90.6% Western Sydney: 93.1% Northern Sydney: 70.6% Murrumbidgee: Central and Eastern Sydney: 76.8% Adelaide: 73.5% 81.6% GP NRA Bulk Billing Rate Overview ACT: 51.4% South Western Sydney: 94.0% Murray: 77.6% GP NRA services account for 34.5% of Total Medicare services. Gippsland: South Eastern NSW: 77.8% National GP NRA Bulk 84.6% Billing Rate Highest Lowest South Western Sydney Australian Capital Territory 77.6% 51.4% Western 94.0% North Western Melbourne: 81.4% Victoria: 77.7% Eastern Melbourne: 75.2% Last Year: 77.6% South Eastern Melbourne: 78.4% Tasmania: 72.4% MBS Medicare Benefits & Digital Health Division, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Analytics

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GP Non-Referred Attendances (GP NRA) by Service Type, 2025-26 Jul-Sep YTD

GP NRA Level B accounts for **67.1%** of all GP NRA services in 2025-26 Jul-Sep YTD.

GP NRA Level A Brief:

 GP attendances for obvious and straight forward cases (Item 3 and equivalents)

GP NRA Level B Standard:

- GP attendances lasting less than 20 or 25 minutes (Item 23 and equivalents)

GP NRA Level C Long:

- GP attendances lasting at least 20 or 25 minutes (Item 36 and equivalents)

GP NRA Level D Prolonged:

- GP attendances lasting at least 40 or 45 minutes (Item 44 and equivalents)

GP NRA Level E Extended:

 GP attendances lasting at least 60 minutes (Item 123 and equivalents)

GP NRA Chronic Disease and Complex Care:

GP attendances for patients with chronic conditions or complex medical conditions

GP NRA After Hours:

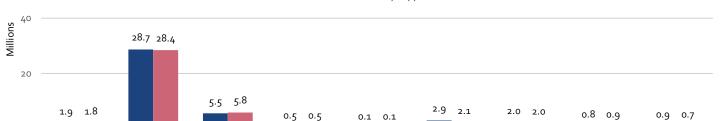
 GP attendances on a public holiday, Sunday and specified periods between Monday and Saturday

GP NRA Mental Health:

- GP attendances relating to mental health care

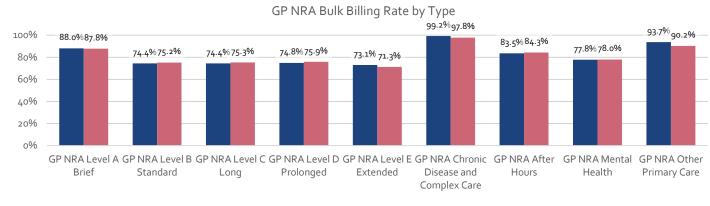
GP NRA Other:

 GP attendances that do not fall within the other GP categories (includes COVID-19 Vaccines)

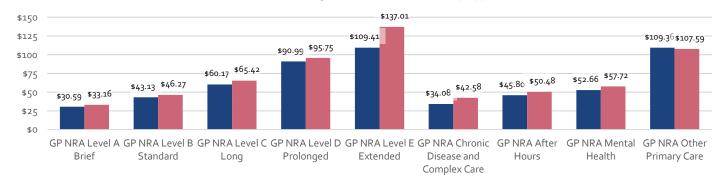


GP NRA Services by Type





GP NRA Average Patient Contribution by Type





GP Non-Referred Attendances (GP NRA) by SEIFA and Age Group, 2025-26 Jul-Sep YTD

In 2025-26 Jul-Sep YTD, the **GP NRA bulk** billing rate in the most disadvantaged areas was 88.1%, 10.5% percentage points higher than the national GP NRA bulk billing rate of 77.6% for the same period last year.

The Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) are published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and rank areas in Australia according to socio-economic variables.

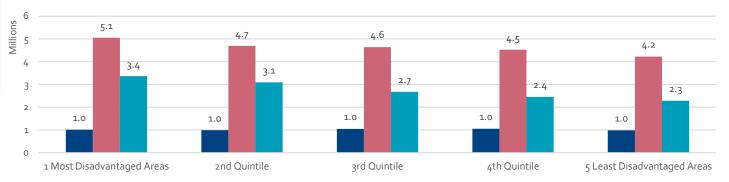
The measures (services, bulk billing rate and average patient contribution) on this page are shown against the Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD).

Areas are more likely to be identified as disadvantaged if there are many:

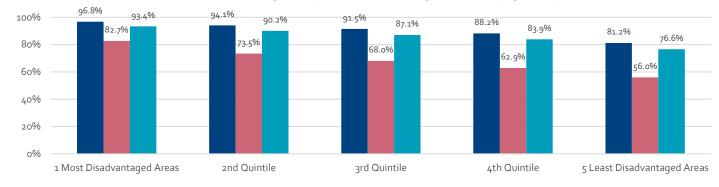
- · households with low income,
- · people with no qualifications, or
- people in low skill occupations

As SEIFA indexes are assigned to areas, and not individuals, indexes indicate the average socio-economic characteristics of people, families and households living in the area.





GP NRA Bulk Billing Rate by SEIFA Disadvantage Quintile by Age Group



GP NRA Average Patient Contribution by SEIFA Disadvantage Quintile by Age Group





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