Total Medicare Statistics, 2026-27 Jul-Sep YTD

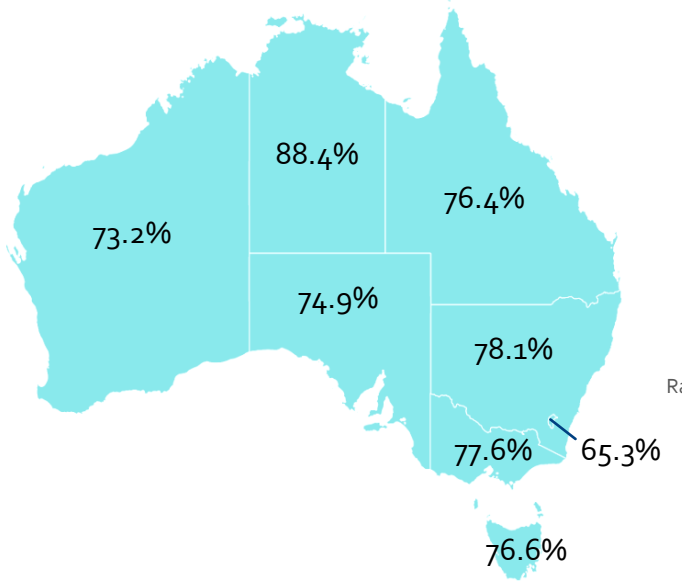
Services	Benefits	Bulk Billed Services	National Bulk Billing Rate	Average Patient Contribution*
125.9m	$9.6b	96.7m	76.8%	$96.31
Last Year: 122.7m	Last Year: $8.7b	Last Year: 91.7m	Last Year: 74.7%	Last Year: $84.70

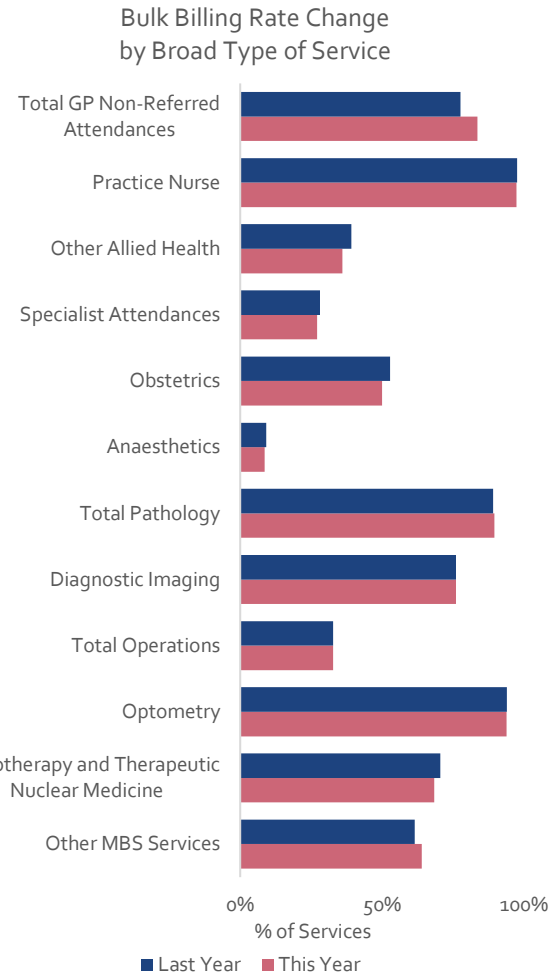
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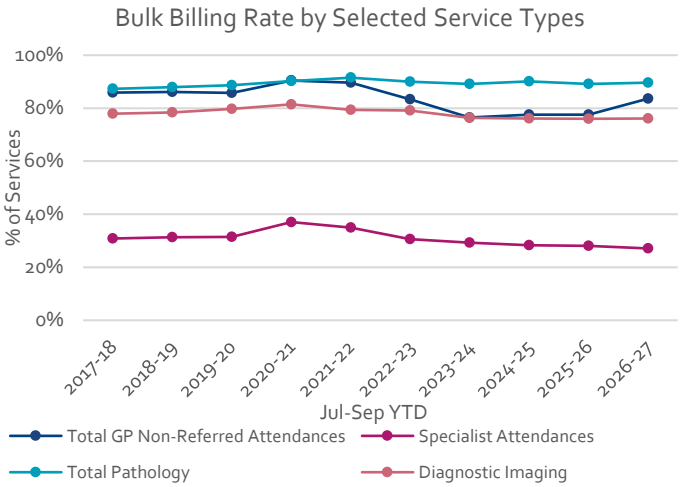
Medicare subsidises the cost of medical services listed in the Medicare Benefits Schedule. In 2026-27 Jul-Sep YTD, total Medicare **services increased from 122.7m to 125.9m**, whilst **total benefits paid increased from $8.7b to $9.6b**.

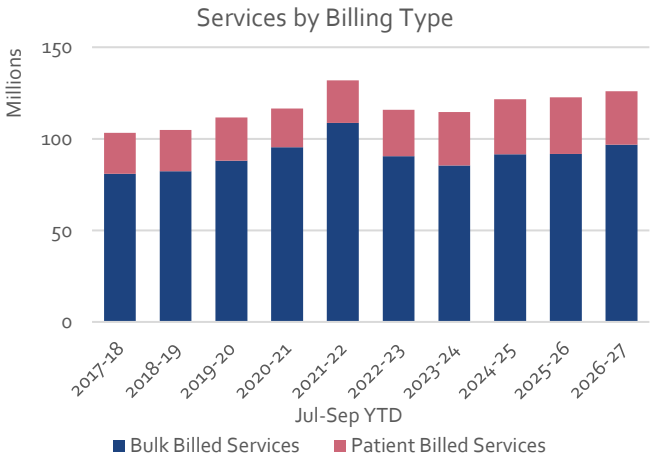
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Bulk Billing Rate









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GP Non-Referred Attendances (GP NRA), 2026-27 Jul-Sep YTD

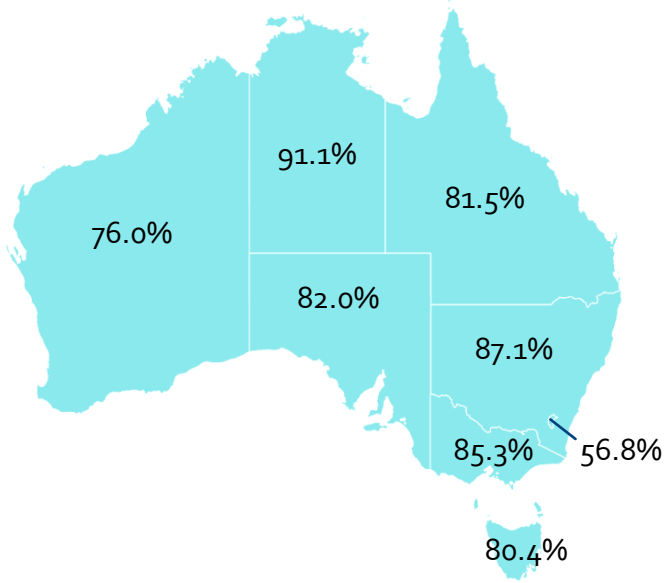
GP NRA Services	GP NRA Benefits	GP NRA Bulk Billed Services	National GP NRA Bulk Billing Rate	GP NRA Average Patient Contribution*
43.9m	$2.7b	36.7m	83.6%	$58.95
Last Year: 42.3m	Last Year: $2.5b	Last Year: 32.9m	Last Year: 77.6%	Last Year: $50.49

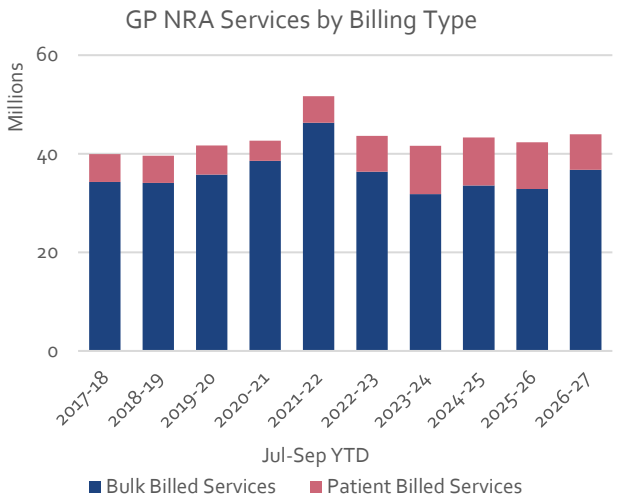
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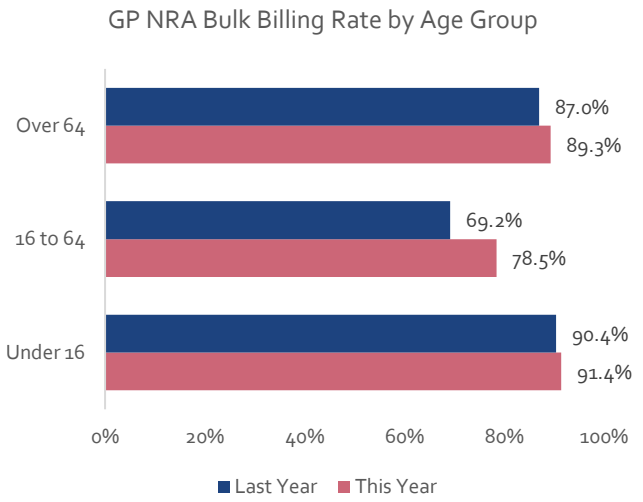
GP NRA services account for 34.9% of Medicare services. In 2026-27 Jul-Sep YTD, there were **43.9m GP NRA services, up from 42.3m** in the same period in the previous year. **GP NRA benefits paid were $2.7b, up from $2.5b.**

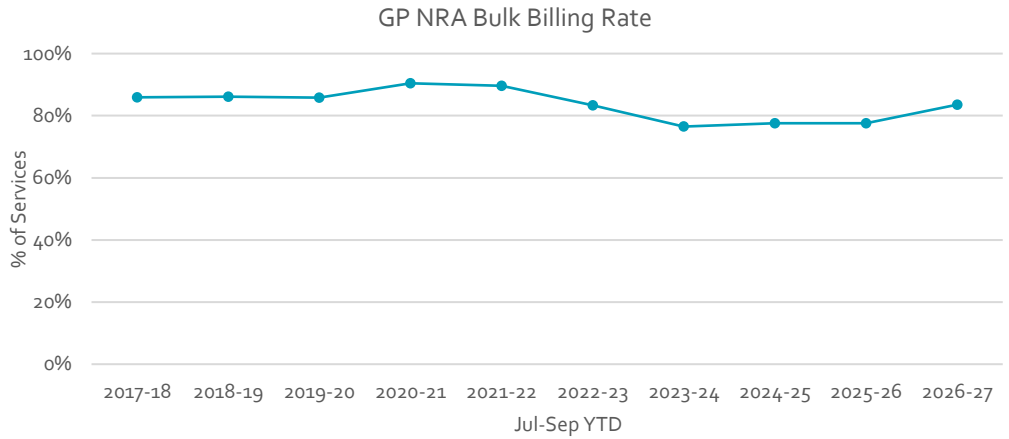
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GP NRA Bulk Billing Rate









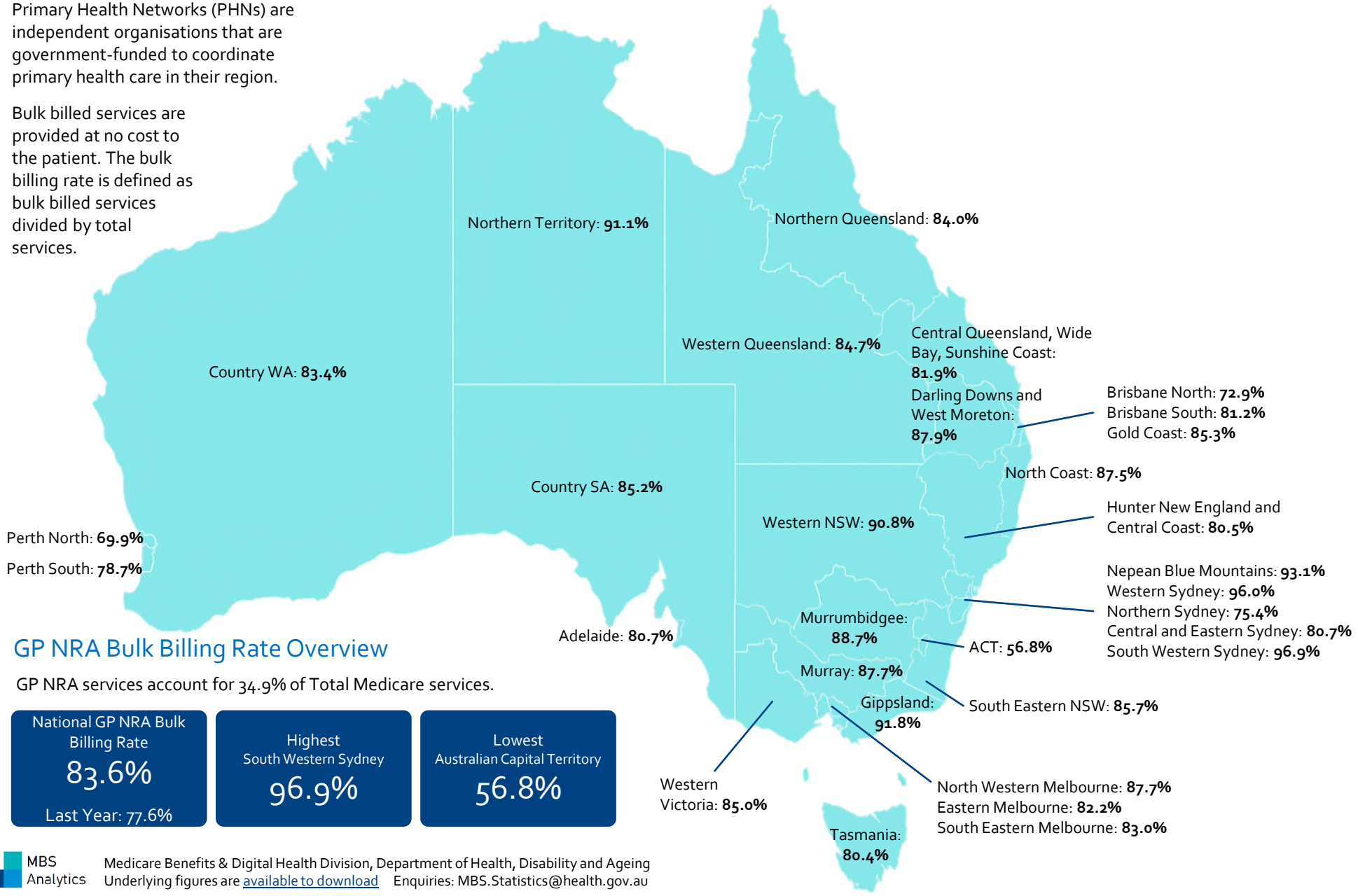
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GP Non-Referred Attendances – Bulk Billing Rate by PHN, 2026-27 Jul-Sep YTD

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 divided by total services.



GP NRA Bulk Billing Rate Overview

GP NRA services account for 34.9% of Total Medicare services.

National GP NRA Bulk Billing Rate	Highest	Lowest
83.6%	South Western Sydney	Australian Capital Territory
Last Year: 77.6%	96.9%	56.8%

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GP Non-Referred Attendances (GP NRA) by Service Type, 2026-27 Jul-Sep YTD

GP NRA Level B accounts for **66.5%** of all GP NRA services in 2026-27 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)

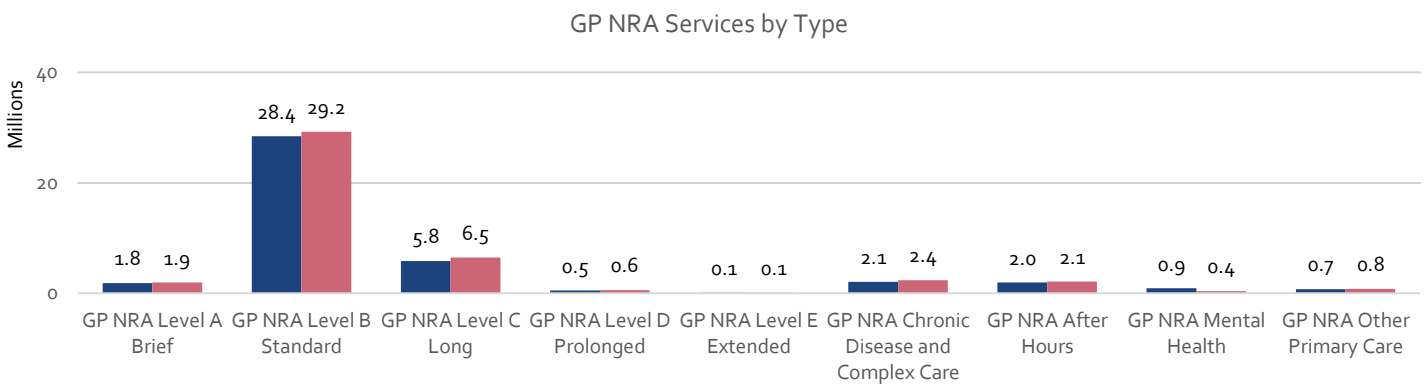
GP NRA Level E Extended:
- GP attendances lasting at least 60 minutes (Item 123 and equivalents)

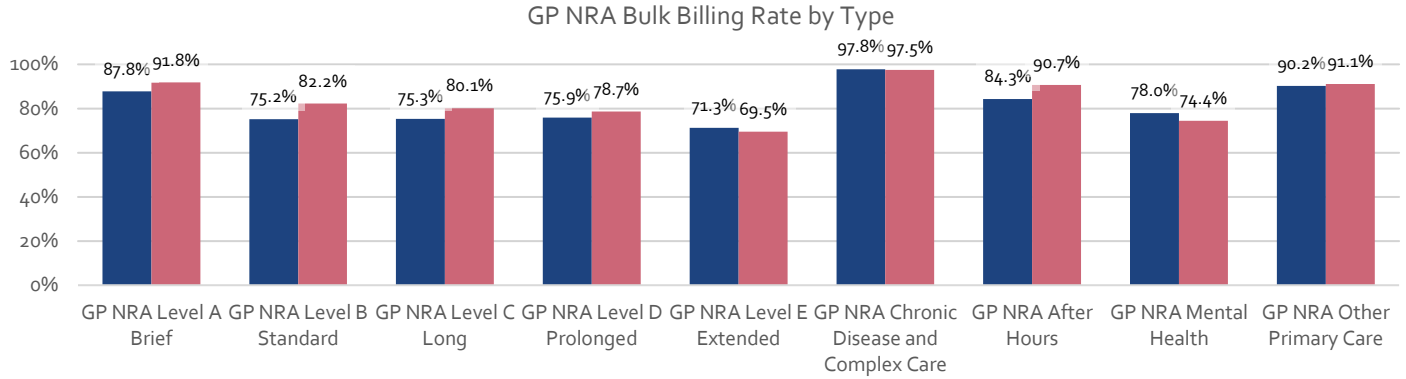
GP NRA Chronic Disease and Complex Care:
- GP attendances for patients with chronic conditions or complex medical conditions

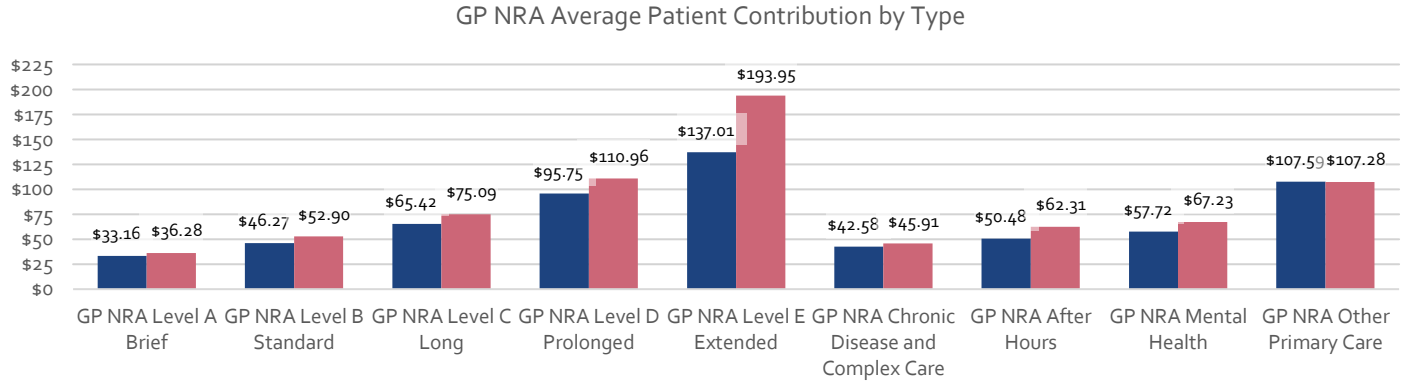
GP NRA After Hours:
- GP attendances on a public holiday, Sunday and specified periods between Monday and Saturday

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)







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GP Non-Referred Attendances (GP NRA) by SEIFA and Age Group, 2026-27 Jul-Sep YTD

In 2026-27 Jul-Sep YTD, the **GP NRA bulk billing rate in the most disadvantaged areas was 92.7%**, 9.2 percentage points higher than the national GP NRA bulk billing rate of 83.6% for the same period.

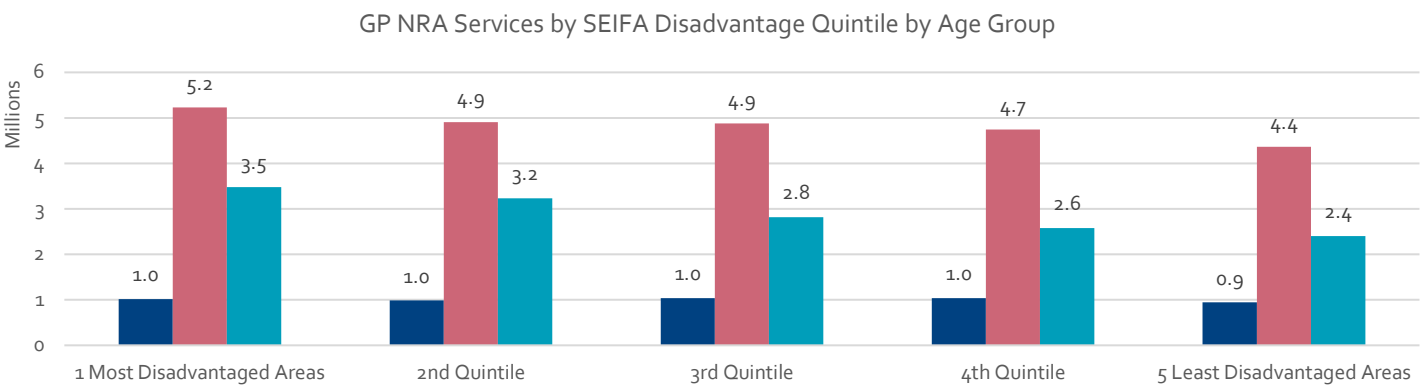
The Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) are published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and rank areas in Australia according to socio-economic variables.

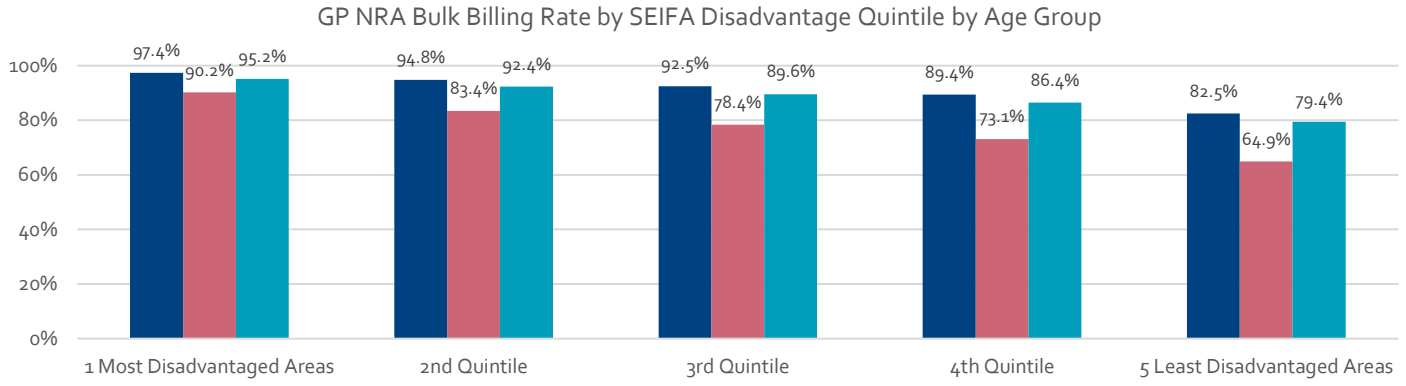
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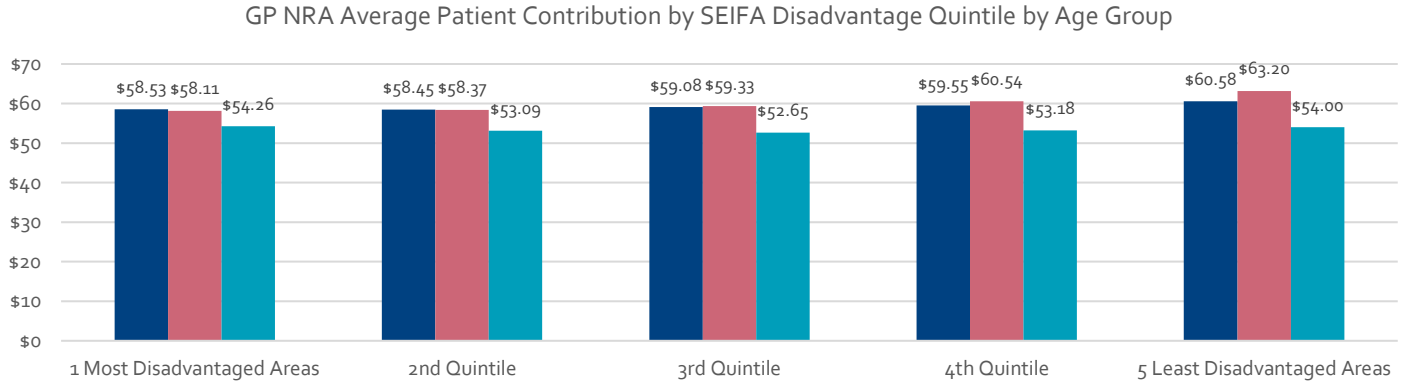
Areas are more likely to be identified as disadvantaged if there are many:

- 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.







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GP Non-Referred Attendances (GP NRA), by Concession Status, 2026-27 Jul-Sep YTD

GP NRA Concession Bulk Billing Rate	GP NRA Non-Concession Bulk Billing Rate	GP NRA Concession Average Patient Contribution*	GP NRA Non-Concession Average Patient Contribution*
93.2%	75.4%	$47.21	$61.64
Last Year: 91.9%	Last Year: 65.2%	Last Year: $43.36	Last Year: $51.90

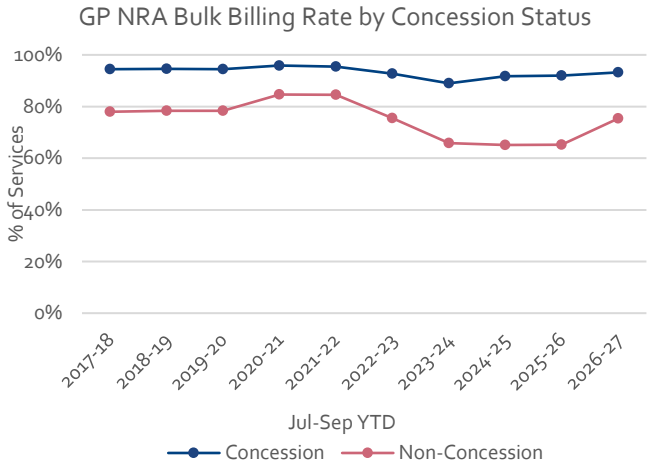
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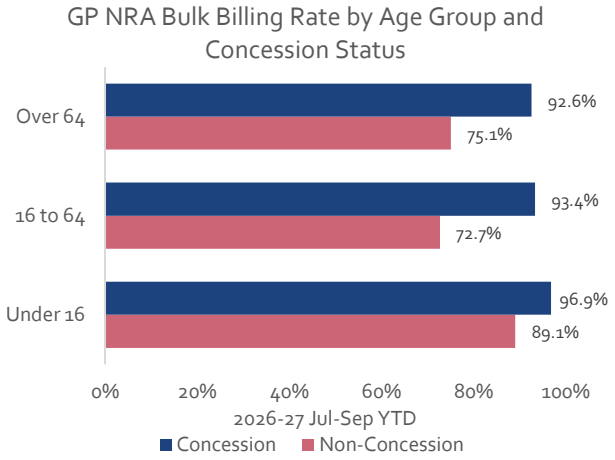
Concessional patients are those listed on a valid Commonwealth concession card, including the card holder and eligible partners or dependent children. **Non-concessional** patients are all other Medicare-eligible patients.

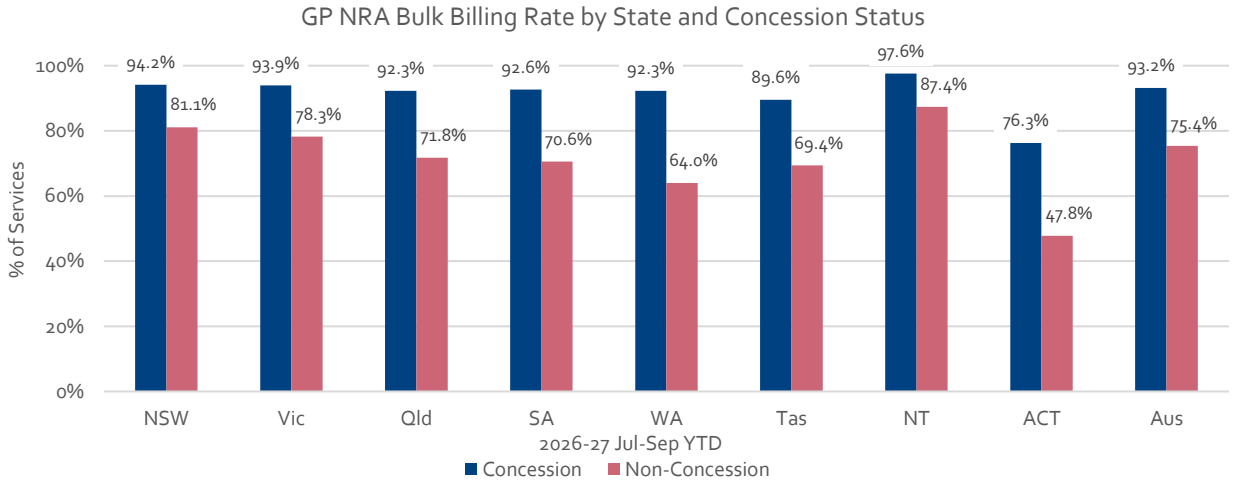
Concessional patients accounted for 45.9% of GP Non-Referred Attendances for 2026-27 Jul-Sep YTD.

Bulk billing is when a GP accepts the Medicare benefit as full payment for a service, and the patient does not have an out-of-pocket cost. Bulk billing is available to all Medicare-eligible patients, at the discretion of the provider.

From November 2023, GP bulk billing incentives were increased for children under 16 and concessional patients. From November 2025, the Bulk Billing Practice Incentive Program (BBPIP) was launched and these GP bulk billing incentives, which provide additional support to GPs who bulk bill, were expanded to all Medicare-eligible patients.







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