



## Private Health Insurance – increasing the age of dependants

The Government is implementing the most significant reforms to private health insurance (PHI) in over a decade, which is making PHI simpler and more affordable.

From 1 April 2021, the Government will increase the maximum age of dependants for private health insurance policies from 24 to 31 years and remove the age limit for dependants with a disability.

This is part of the Government's commitment to ensuring PHI is affordable and provides value for money for consumers.

### Why is this important?

This will help provide continuity of care for younger Australians and encourage them to continue with PHI when they reach the age of 31, which is the age at which Lifetime Health Cover commences.

Allowing dependants to remain on the family policy until the start of Lifetime Health Cover provides them with a clear moment for decision about maintaining their PHI, and increases PHI's attractiveness to young people.

People with a disability will be provided with the flexibility to access more affordable private health insurance without age limits as they can be covered under a family policy at no or low cost – rather than purchase a standalone policy.

### Who will benefit?

Young people, families and people with a disability will benefit from these changes to PHI.