

Gold Coast Primary Health Network

Strengthening Medicare Initiatives and the introduction of My Medicare



Acknowledgement to Country



Gold Coast Primary Health Network would like to acknowledge and pay respect to the land and the traditional practices of the families of the Yugambeh Language Region of South East Queensland and their Elders past, present and emerging.

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Introduction & Agenda

Time	Item	Speaker
6:30pm	Welcome, Acknowledgement to Country & Housekeeping	Kellie Trigger, Director Health Intelligence Planning & Engagement GCPHN
	Mentimeter Questions	
	Introduction	Matt Carrodus, CEO GCPHN
6:40pm	Commonwealth Strengthening Medicare reform agenda	Simon Cotterell, First Assistant Secretary, Primary Care Division and Primary Care Division Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care
6:50pm	How will Strengthening Medicare impact general practice	Dr Walid Jammal, Principal GP Hills Family Medical Practice
7:20pm	GCPHN role in supporting general practice	Dr Lisa Beecham, GCPHN Board Chair
7:30pm	Q & A – Speakers & Panel	Kellie Trigger
8:30pm	Close	

Speakers



- **Simon Cotterell**



- **Dr Walid Jammal**



- **Dr Lisa Beecham**

- **Simon Cotterell**, First Assistant Secretary
Primary Care Division | Australian
Department of Health (*presenting online*)

- **Dr Walid Jammal**, Principal GP in a family practice in Sydney, a member of various committees and advisory bodies with the Ministry of Health in NSW and Commonwealth Department of Health and a member of the Medicare Services Advisory Committee

Speakers

- **Dr Lisa Beecham, GCPHN Board Chair**

My Medicare

Benefits For general practice and patients:

Benefit	Group
<p>Chronic Disease Management items linked to a patient's registration in MyMedicare (from November 2024) to support continuity of care for people with chronic and complex conditions.</p> <p>Patients who are not registered in MyMedicare will still be able to receive Chronic Disease Management items from their usual GP.</p>	<p>GPs</p> <p>Patients</p>
Access longer MBS telehealth items with reduced administration (Levels C & D)	<p>GPs</p> <p>Patients with their usual general practice</p>
Triple bulk billing incentive for longer MBS telehealth items with reduced administration (Levels C, D & E)	<p>GPs</p> <p>for children under 16, pensioners and concession card holders</p>
<p>New blended funding payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequent Hospital Users Incentive (phased implementation from mid 2024) 	<p>GPs</p> <p>Patients</p>

My Medicare

Benefits For general practice and patients:

Benefit	Group
New blended funding payment: <ul style="list-style-type: none">General Practice in Aged Care Incentive (1 August 2024)	GPs providing services to residents of Aged Care Homes Residents of Aged Care Homes
Formalise and strengthen relationship between patients and their GP, General Practice and primary care teams.	GPs General Practice teams.
Provide greater continuity of care	GPs Patients

What Support will GCPHN provide?

Established Strengthening Medicare Advisory Group

Expanded the GCPHN Engagement and Digital Health team to provide dedicated practice level support.

Identifying how Primary Sense can assist to identify patients that would benefit from voluntary patient registration opportunity.

Consulting with GCPHN advisory groups including Primary Health Care Improvement Committee on general practice facing information

Consulting through the GCPHN Community Advisory Council regarding community facing information

Access to timely and succinct information relating to Strengthening Medicare Initiatives including MyMedicare.

Resources to support MyMedicare as a quality improvement activity.

Opportunity to provide feedback to GCPHN Board members via boardchair@goldcoastphn.com.au

Q & A – Speakers and Panel Members:

- **Dr Walid Jammal**
- **Dr Lisa Beecham GCPHN Board Chair**

GCPHN Strengthening Medicare Advisory Group:

- **Dr Michael Percy (local GP)**
- **Dr Tammra Warby (GPGC Board Chair)**
- **Anthea Blower (Practice Manager)**
- **Jason Keily (Representing Allied Health (Pharmacist))**
- **Elizabeth McCray (GCPHN Community Advisory Council)**

What's next – how to access GCPHN support

- practicesupport@gcphn.com.au or 07 5612 5408
- Dedicated GCPHN Engagement and Digital Health team members allocated across all practices
- Assistance to prepare for MyMedicare ie PRODA, HPOS and Organisation Register
- Quality Improvement Toolkits
 - [Quality Improvement](#)
- Post 1st October An Expression of Interest will be released for Voluntary Patient Registration Clinical Audit development
- Practice Manager and Practice Nurse E-Mail networks
- Ensure you receive GP and Practice News



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