

# HEALTH PACKAGE

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- **Medicare support at home - whole of population telehealth** - \$669 million will be provided to expand Medicare-subsidised telehealth services for all Australians, with extra incentives to GPs and other health practitioners also delivered.
- Australians will be able to access support in their own home using their telephone, or video conferencing features like FaceTime to connect with GP services, mental health treatment, chronic disease management, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health assessments, services to people with eating disorders, pregnancy support counselling, services to patients in aged care facilities, children with autism, after-hours consultations and nurse practitioners. allow people to access essential health services in their home, while supporting self-isolation and quarantine policies.
- The GP bulk billing incentive will be doubled for GPs and an incentive payment will be established to ensure practices stay open to provide face to face services where they are essential for patients with conditions that can't be treated through telehealth. The new arrangements will be in place until 30 September 2020
- **Domestic violence support** - An initial \$150 million will be provided to support Australians experiencing domestic, family and sexual violence due to the fallout from coronavirus. The funding will boost programs under the National Plan to reduce Violence against Women and their Children
- **Mental health support** - An initial \$74 million will be provided to support the mental health and wellbeing of all Australians. The Government's digital mental health portal, Head to Health ([www.headtohealth.gov.au](http://www.headtohealth.gov.au)), will be a single source of authoritative information and guidance on how to maintain good mental health during the coronavirus pandemic and in self-isolation, how to support children and loved ones, and how to access further mental health services and care.

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- \$10 million will be provided to create a dedicated coronavirus wellbeing support line, delivered by Beyond Blue
- \$14 million will bolster the capacity of mental health support providers who have experienced an unprecedented surge in call volumes with funding increasing their capacity
- Relief services for vulnerable Australians An additional \$200 million will be provided to support charities and other community organisations which provide emergency and food relief as demand surges as a result of coronavirus.

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