

Put Health First

# Scorecard

Health workers rate the major parties



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**VOTE WITH YOUR HEART Put Health first**



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- ONLY PAYING LIPSERVICE
- RECOGNITION OF PROBLEM, NOT A SOLUTION
- GOOD ATTEMPT, WILL ASSIST
- OUTSTANDING POLICY

Policy	Labor says	HSU Rating	Liberal Says	HSU Rating
<b>Bulk Billing Medicare</b>	<p>\$414 Million to provide better more affordable access to specialist services for all Australians</p> <p>Raise the rate of bulk billing (free consultations) from 67 to 80%</p> <p>Medicare Gold</p> <p>Free hospital coverage public and private for Australians 75 and over and reducing hospital waiting lists for all age groups.</p>		<p>From January 1 next year, the medicare rebate will go up from \$25.70 to 30.20 for a standard consultation representing 100% of the schedule fee.</p> <p>Limited dental and allied health professional services such as physiotherapists, podiatrists and chiropractors covered under Medicare for people taking part in a special primary care program. Five visits covered</p>	
<b>Freeing up emergency departments</b>	<p>\$340 Million for priority needs in public hospitals</p> <p>\$250 million to provide Medicare teams which will be co-located in emergency departments</p> <p>Accredited after hours GP clinics.</p>		72.5 Million commitment over five years for bulk billing clinics	
<b>Health Reform</b>	National Health Reform commission established to run for a year and a national summit with in three months to assist in devising and integrated primary care strategy		No Commitments at this stage.	
<b>Mental Health</b>	<p>\$100 million to boost mental health services</p> <p>More money to early intervention programmes and community awareness and education</p> <p>Commitment to address workforce and education issues</p> <p>Establish Prime Ministers Council to lead reform</p>		<p>\$110 million to boost mental health services</p> <p>More money to assisting GPs</p>	
<b>Dental</b>	A national dental program: a \$300 million dollar investment with an extra 1.3 million dental treatments for aged pensioners and health card holders		No Commitments at this stage	
<b>Aged Care</b>	<p>\$ 2.2 billion over 5 years</p> <p>Undertaking no extension of bonds</p> <p>Benchmark of care established which includes minimum staffing levels</p> <p>Reforming accreditation system by splitting the regulation from accreditation</p>		<p>\$2.2 billion over 5 years to increase the number of aged care places, improve the quality of care, provide support to carers and help providers build and maintain facilities</p> <p>No funding directly linked to safe staffing levels</p>	

**In order to improve the health system and put health first, the HSU recommends that you vote for Labor**

