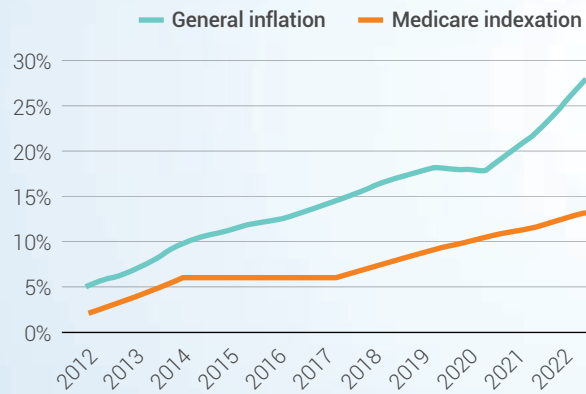


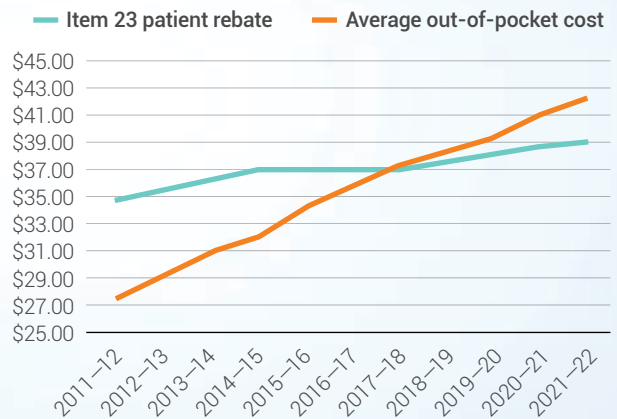
The cost of seeing your GP. Why is there a GAP?

Your Medicare rebates haven't kept pace with inflation^{1,2}



The cost of providing healthcare has gone up by 23% in the last decade, but your Medicare rebates have increased by just 11%.

Your out-of-pocket costs are increasing^{2,3}



Average out-of-pocket costs are now higher than the Medicare rebate for a standard GP consultation.



It's time to prioritise the health of all Australians.

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Almost 90% of us turn to our GP each year¹ but ...
we're paying more for our healthcare

The Federal Government is cutting investment in **the care we all count on**

Government health spending
isn't keeping up with rising
healthcare costs^{2,3}

General inflation

Medicare indexation



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[Month] [Year]

[Name of your local MP]

[Address of your local MP]

Dear [Title] [Name]

Investment in general practice

I am a patient of [insert name of practice]. I value my GP and the ongoing, high-quality care given to me at my local general practice.

I am writing to express my concern about the rising costs of healthcare that are not reflected in my Medicare patient rebates. The lack of appropriate indexation over many years and investment in general practice patient rebates means I have to pay more to receive the care I need.

The cost of providing services will continue to increase while Medicare rebates continue to go down in terms of real value. I value affordable access to my GP and do not want this access reduced by increased out-of-pocket costs.

It is time to get serious about healthcare. I ask you to commit to increasing my Medicare rebates for general practice as a priority.

Yours sincerely