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Media Statement

RACP welcomes Medicare Review

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The Royal Australasian College of Physicians welcomes the Government's Review of the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) and the establishment of the Primary Health Care Advisory Group announced today.

RACP President Laureate Professor Nick Talley said he was pleased the reviews were to be led by two well respected medical professionals, recognising the need for reforms to be informed by front-line clinicians.

"The Medicare review is an opportunity to re-engineer the health system to improve patient outcomes and to remove perverse incentives that impede high quality patient care.

"The RACP, through its EVOLVE initiative, has recognised that there are areas of our health system that need to adapt to contemporary medicine and be more patient centred. Physicians, as clinical experts have a lot to offer this review and we look forward to making our contribution," Prof Talley said.

The RACP supports the Primary Health Care examination. Prof Talley said it must not miss the opportunity to look at the broader health system for better integration of health care.

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