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Bulk billing plummets under Labor

Latest data has revealed that bulk billing rates have fallen dramatically under the Albanese Labor Government.

Since Labor came to government, bulkbilling rates have dropped every single month, with the latest figures showing a total Medicare bulkbilling rate of 77%, and 80.2% for non-referred GP appointments, in the 12 months to June this year.

These are the lowest bulkbilling rates recorded since 2013.

This is in stark comparison to the 12 months to June 2021, which saw the GP bulkbilling rate at an all-time high of 88.8% under the Liberal/National Coalition.

The Albanese Government has overseen plummeting bulk billing rates at a time when many Australians are being attacked from all directions by the rising cost of everything. Now many can't even access their GP.

Bulkbilling rates have continued to decline every month despite the Government's Budget announcement that they will triple the bulkbilling incentive, showing they have failed to restore confidence in the system at this critical time.

The Albanese Government was elected with a promise to 'strengthen Medicare'. Regrettably, the indisputable data shows that this is yet another broken promise by Labor.

Medicare has been weakened from every angle, and Australians cannot afford for this concerning trend to continue.

Also under the Albanese Labor Government, Medicare-subsidised mental health support has been slashed, less than half of their promised Urgent Care Clinics are operational – including the one promised to the North-West Coast of Tasmania - and 70 telehealth items have been cut from Medicare.

This government is fast becoming known for promising everything and delivering very little and right across the nation, every day battlers are catching on.

Australians are looking for actions that will enable them to access the health care they need, not Labor's hollow words.

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