Telehealth dietetics must continue past March 2021 - Letter 2021

Sent February 2021 - Dietitians Australia wrote to Ministers and Shadow Ministers advocating for telehealth allied health services to be made permanent.

Letter excerpt

On 27 November last year, Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon Greg Hunt, advised Australians that telehealth would be made a permanent part of Medicare and be universally available for all Australians. This announcement was enthusiastically welcomed by dietitians and their patients across Australia, who because of telehealth were able to take control of their health during the pandemic. However, the lack of information about what conditions might apply to see a dietitian via telehealth is causing patients great concern.

As the peak body for Dietitians in Australia, Dietitians Australia would be glad to offer our expertise to your advisors about any conditions that should be placed on telehealth dietetics, to ensure Australians are receiving high quality dietetic care in person, online or over the phone.

For more read the full letter.

Letters were sent to:

- Clare O'Neil MP, Shadow Minister for Senior Australians and Aged Care Services
- Hon Shayne Neumann MP, Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel
- Hon Jason Clare MP, Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government
- Hon Mark Butler MP, Shadow Minster for Health and Aged Care
- Hon Linda Burney MP, Shadow Minister for Indigenous Australians

- Senator Rachel Siewert, Australian Greens Spokesperson for Health and Mental Health
- Hon Ken Wyatt AM MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians
- Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for Health and Aged Care
- Hon Mark Coulton MP, Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government
- Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck, Minister for Senior Australians and Aged Care Services
- Hon Darren Chester MP, Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- Hon Warren Snowdon MP, Assistant Shadow Minister for Indigenous Australians
- Emma McBride MP, Shadow Assistant Minister for Carers and Mental Health
- Hon David Coleman MP, Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

Get in touch

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