

Your consent helps support community care

Understanding Medicare enduring assignment of benefit agreements

The **Medicare enduring assignment of benefit agreement** is a simple **consent form** that helps eligible bulk billed services continue smoothly, while supporting accessible health care for our community.

What is an 'enduring' agreement?

- An '**enduring**' agreement means you are giving ongoing consent for future eligible Medicare bulk billed services at your clinic. By doing this, you will not need to complete a new Medicare assignment form each time you receive services covered by the agreement.
- It may be available to patients attending an Aboriginal community controlled health organisation or Aboriginal medical service where the service offers this option.
- By signing you agree that Medicare can pay your benefit directly to your clinic, as a full payment for eligible Medicare bulk billed services covered by the agreement.
- Signing is always your choice. You can ask what services are covered, request a copy of the agreement, and can withdraw your agreement at any time.

What this means for you

- You can give ongoing consent for eligible Medicare bulk billed services.
- You may not need to sign a new Medicare assignment form each time for services covered by the agreement.
- You can ask questions before you sign.
- You can withdraw your agreement at any time.
- You can ask for a copy of the Medicare assignment details for services provided by your health professional.

Have questions?

Speak with our friendly reception team if you would like to ask questions before you decide or sign the form.

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