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Penny Shakespeare  
Deputy Secretary  
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Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Dear Ms Shakespeare

## **Impact Analysis – Second Pass Final Assessment – Reduction of the PBS general patient copayment to \$25**

Thank you for your letter of 11 July 2025 submitting an Impact Analysis (IA) for formal Second Pass Final Assessment. I note the IA has been formally certified at the Deputy Secretary level consistent with the Australian Government Guide to Policy Impact Analysis (the Guide).

I appreciate the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing's constructive engagement on the IA.

The Office of Impact Analysis' (OIA) assessment is that the quality of the analysis in the IA is 'adequate'. The IA provides a sufficient overview of the problem and the key challenging elements of the current PBS co-payments for individuals.

To have been assessed as 'good practice' under the Guide, the IA would have benefited from targeted consultation on potential stakeholder impacts and a more detailed implementation plan.

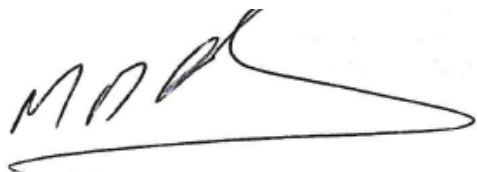
The IA may now be provided to the decision-maker to inform their decision.

### **Next steps**

Ahead of the final decision being announced we would appreciate a copy of the IA in a form meeting the Government's web accessibility requirements. The OIA will then publish the IA, along with your certification, on the OIA's website at [oia.pmc.gov.au](http://oia.pmc.gov.au). The IA must also be included in any Explanatory Memorandum or Statement giving effect to the proposals in the IA, as stipulated in the User Guide to the Australian Government Guide to Policy Impact Analysis.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mick Graham', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Mick Graham  
(A/g) Executive Director  
Office of Impact Analysis  
14 July 2025