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## BUDGET 2021-22

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## FEDERAL BUDGET

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### HEALTH

#### MENTAL HEALTH

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	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Department of the Treasury	19.4	19.7	19.5	19.4
Department of Health	386.0	519.8	457.8	541.0
National Mental Health Commission	5.2	5.1	4.9	4.9
Department of Social Services	1.6	1.8	2.3	-
Services Australia	1.1	0.8	0.3	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>413.3</b>	<b>547.2</b>	<b>484.8</b>	<b>565.6</b>

The Government will provide \$2.0 billion over four years from 2021-22 for the National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan, which includes:

#### PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION

- \$111.2 million over four years from 2021-22 to expand and enhance digital mental health services, including the creation of a Head to Health platform that will include peer support, counselling, clinical support and referrals
- \$77.1 million over four years from 2021-22 for the National Legal Assistance Partnership, supporting early resolution of legal problems for people with mental ill-health, and for mental health workers in Domestic Violence Units and Health Justice Partnerships to support women experiencing family violence
- \$47.4 million over four years from 2021-22 to contribute to states and territories to achieve universal perinatal mental health screening across public antenatal and postnatal care, funding to COPE to support the digital screening tool, and to PANDA helpline
- \$6.3 million over three years from 2021-22 to increase support services for fly-in fly-out and drive-in drive-out workers
- \$5.7 million over three years from 2021-22 to build on IPS program, including piloting IPS in Adult Mental Health Centres and trialling Youth Vocational Peer Support Workers in two headspace IPS sites
- \$0.9 million over five years from 2020-21 to continue the Ahead for Business digital hub for small business owners.

#### REVOLUTION IN MIND

## **SUICIDE PREVENTION**

- \$158.6 million over four years from 2021-22 to work with states and territories to achieve universal aftercare for people discharged following a suicide attempt and to trial aftercare initiatives to people not presenting to hospital
- \$61.6 million over four years from 2021-22 to expand the National Suicide Prevention Leadership and Support Program for whole-of-population suicide prevention activities
- \$31.2 million over four years from 2021-22 to work with states and territories to establish a national Distress Intervention Program trial and to develop national accreditation and standards for safe space services
- \$22.0 million over four years from 2021-22 to work with states and territories to continue postvention services to support people bereaved by suicide
- \$12.8 million over four years from 2021-22 to establish the National Suicide Prevention Office, overseeing the national approach to suicide prevention
- \$12.0 million in 2021-22 to extend the National Suicide Prevention Trial for one year to continue delivering local suicide prevention initiatives across Australia.

## **TREATMENT**

- \$487.2 million over four years from 2021-22 to establish 8 new Head to Health adult mental health centres, 24 new satellites and ongoing funding for eight existing centres, and a dedicated phone service to support intake, assessment and referral
- \$278.6 million over four years from 2021-22 to expand and enhance headspace youth mental health services, including in conjunction with the states and territories, to expand the national headspace network with ten new headspace centres and upgrade five satellite services, bringing the total number of headspace services across Australia to 164. This will include working with states and territories to boost clinical capacity at existing headspace services
- \$112.4 million over four years from 2021-22 for continuity of psychosocial support services for people with a severe psychosocial disability who are not eligible for the NDIS
- \$111.4 million over three years from 2022-23 to support the take-up of group therapy sessions and participation of family and carers in treatment provided under therapy sessions and participation of family and carers in treatment provided under Better Access
- \$54.2 million over four years from 2021-22 to work with the states and territories to establish 15 new child mental health and wellbeing hubs to provide multidisciplinary care and preventive services for children aged 0–12 years
- \$46.6 million over four years from 2021-22 for parenting education and support to parents and carers with children aged under 12 years, and to develop national guidelines to assist with the early identification of emerging emotional difficulties
- \$34.2 million over four years from 2021-22 to expand and implement the Initial Assessment and Referral tool to assist health practitioners to consistently assess and refer consumers in the mental health system
- \$26.9 million over four years from 2021-22 to provide additional support for people with eating disorders and their families, including \$13 million to establish a National Eating Disorder Research Centre
- \$4.0 million in 2021-22 to continue to provide up to ten free trauma and distress counselling sessions for those impacted by the bushfires.

## **SUPPORTING THE VULNERABLE**

- \$79.0 million over four years from 2021-22 to implement initiatives under the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy providing crisis and support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

- \$16.9 million over four years from 2021-22 to provide mental health services and support to Australians from culturally and linguistically diverse communities, including for survivors of torture and trauma
- \$11.1 million over two years from 2021-22 to improve outcomes for people with complex mental health needs including people with cognitive disabilities and autism spectrum disorder.

## WORKFORCE AND GOVERNANCE

- \$117.2 million over four years from 2021-22 to establish a national database on service delivery, performance and outcomes across the mental health system and conduct longitudinal surveys on the mental health of children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians
- \$58.8 million over two years from 2021-22 to fund initiatives to attract, upskill and re-distribute mental health professionals and increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health workers
  - \$27.8 million to increase the number of nurses, psychologists, and allied health practitioners in mental health settings through scholarships and clinical placements
  - \$11 million to grow the psychiatrist workforce with more training places, supporting regional and remote training pathways and promoting it as a career pathway
  - \$8.3 million to increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representation in the mental health workforce and offer training for culturally safe treatment
  - \$3.1 million to boost and support the mental health peer workforce through 390 scholarships and professional collaboration
  - \$1 million to reduce mental health stigma among health practitioners, promoting it as a preferred career option, and
  - \$0.3 million to identify opportunities to boost the skills of the mental health workforce who work with children and families.
- \$15.9 million over four years from 2021-22 to better equip General Practitioners in primary mental health care
- \$7.3 million over four years from 2021-22 to enhance the capacity of the National Mental Health Commission to provide national leadership on mental health and suicide prevention reforms
- \$2.6 million over three years from 2021-22 to support frontline mental health workers and address the stigma around medical professionals seeking support
- Funding to conduct a scoping study to investigate options to improve consumer and carer engagement in the mental health sector.

## PREVENTIVE HEALTH

- \$1.9 million in 2021-22 for preventive health research and scoping activities, including a national health literacy strategy, to inform a National Preventive Health Strategy
- \$24.2 million over two years from 2021-22 to improve health outcomes through alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment and support services. Funding includes:
  - \$16.8 million over two years from 2021-22 to continue financial support to AOD services currently funded under the Social and Community Services Wage Supplementation
  - \$5.9 million in 2021-22 for the Alcohol and Drug Foundation to run the Good Sports program, offering free support to community sports clubs to develop AOD and mental health policies
  - \$1.5 million in 2021-22 to Hello Sunday Morning for its Daybreak program - free online and app services to reduce alcohol use.

## MEDICAL RESEARCH

- \$10.4 million over four years from 2021-22 for medical research in Australia, including \$6.0 million to extend the National Partnership Agreement, Encouraging More Clinical Trials in Australia, and removing barriers for conducting clinical trials.

## VETERANS

- \$60.7 million over four years from 2021-22 to continue support for veterans, including:
  - \$23.3 million to continue the Wellbeing and Support Program pilot as an ongoing program, which includes medical, psychological and psychosocial support for veterans who may be transitioning from the Australian Defence Force
  - \$10.7 million to establish Veteran Wellbeing Centres in Tasmania and South-East Queensland
  - The Government will provide \$174.2 million over two years from 2021-22 for a Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide.

## PRIMARY CARE

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	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
<b>Services Australia</b>	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.5
<b>Department of Health</b>	25.8	71.3	92.1	97.9
<b>Department of the Treasury</b>	2.7	2.4	-	-
<b>National Health Funding Body</b>	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0
<b>Department of Veterans' Affairs</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>75.1</b>	<b>93.5</b>	<b>99.3</b>

- \$480.9 million over five years from 2020-21, including:
  - \$288.5 million for Medicare subsidised repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation for the treatment of medication resistant major depressive disorder
  - \$71.9 million to extend the Primary Health Network After Hours Program for one year
  - \$50.7 million for systems to support the use of voluntary patient registration to improve the quality of Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) services through MyGP
  - \$22.6 million to redesign the Practice Incentives Program — Indigenous Health Incentive
  - \$14.2 million to list six new items on the MBS for allied health providers who participate in case conferencing
  - \$5.5 million for Victoria to join Healthdirect Australia, and provide support for culturally and linguistically diverse communities through improved health helpline services

## FEDERAL RELATIONS

- \$2.9 million over three years from 2020-21 to NSW to improve emergency department facilities for vulnerable patients and those with mental health issues, and help children with high medical needs and their families to spend less time in hospital.
- \$12 million over three years from 2021-22 to establish an adult mental health centre in South Australia to be located in Adelaide

- \$20 million over three years from 2020-21 for a national perinatal screening program for new and expecting parents to improve perinatal mental health outcomes through early identification of risks
- \$3 million over one year to NSW, Victoria and Tasmania to reduce the risk of suicide through infrastructure projects, such as barriers, fencing and lighting.