



### Pillar 1: General practice

**Modernise Medicare:**  
more care, more time, more health

Longer consults, smaller out of pockets.

**More time:**

**Costing:** Seven-tier Modern Medicare rebate structure — \$4.5 billion over four years.

**More care:**

**Costing:** Both major political parties have adopted the AMA's 'more care' component of the Modernise Medicare campaign, at \$600 million over four years.

**More health:**

**Costing:** Modernising Medicare to support more nursing and allied health workers in general practice through the Workforce Incentive Program — \$401.1 million over four years.

AMA's plan to  
**Modernise Medicare**



### Pillar 2: Public hospitals

**New national health reform funding agreement to end the hospital logjam, ambulance ramping, and fix the surgery backlog**

Our hospitals are in logjam — with ambulances ramping, emergency departments at capacity, and long waits for essential surgery.

The AMA's end the Hospital Logjam campaign is about funding our public hospitals to improve their performance and increase capacity, and equipping them to address avoidable admissions and expand their services.

**Costing:** An additional \$12.5 billion from the federal government over four years, and an additional \$15.3 billion from the state and territory governments over four years.



### Pillar 3: Private health

**Private health system:**  
reform to promote affordability, sustainability and value

**The establishment of an independent and well-resourced private health system authority (the authority):**

**Costing:** Establishing a private health system authority would cost \$146.9 million over four years.

**Increase the value of private health insurance for patients by mandating a minimum payout:**

**Costing:** This policy would encourage more Australians to take out private health insurance. AMA modelling indicates that, even with more private health insurance rebates, the measure would save the government money, while lowering the costs of premiums in the longer term.



### Pillar 4: A health system for all

**Prevention is better than cure:**  
time to tax the Sickly Sweet soft drinks that drive ill health

The AMA's Sickly Sweet campaign calls for a tax on a subset of sugary drinks.

**Costing:** There is no cost — in fact, it raises money that can be reinvested into the health system, while also saving the health system money from creating a healthier population.

The AMA's modelling shows a tax on sugary drinks would drive down annual sugar consumption by 2kg per person while raising \$3.6 billion in government revenue over the forward estimates.

**#Sickly-Sweet**



### Pillar 5: A health system for the future

**The right medical workforce at the right time**

We need to create a healthcare system that is ready for the future, and this is contingent on building a sustainable healthcare workforce. The effectiveness and efficiency of the healthcare services area is intrinsically linked to the availability of a workforce that can meet the evolving needs of communities.

**Establish and fund an independent national health workforce planning agency:**

**Costing:** Establishing an independent national health workforce planning agency would be a major step forward in ensuring Australia has the medical staff it needs to ensure our health system remains one of the best in the world — \$182.6 million over four years.

