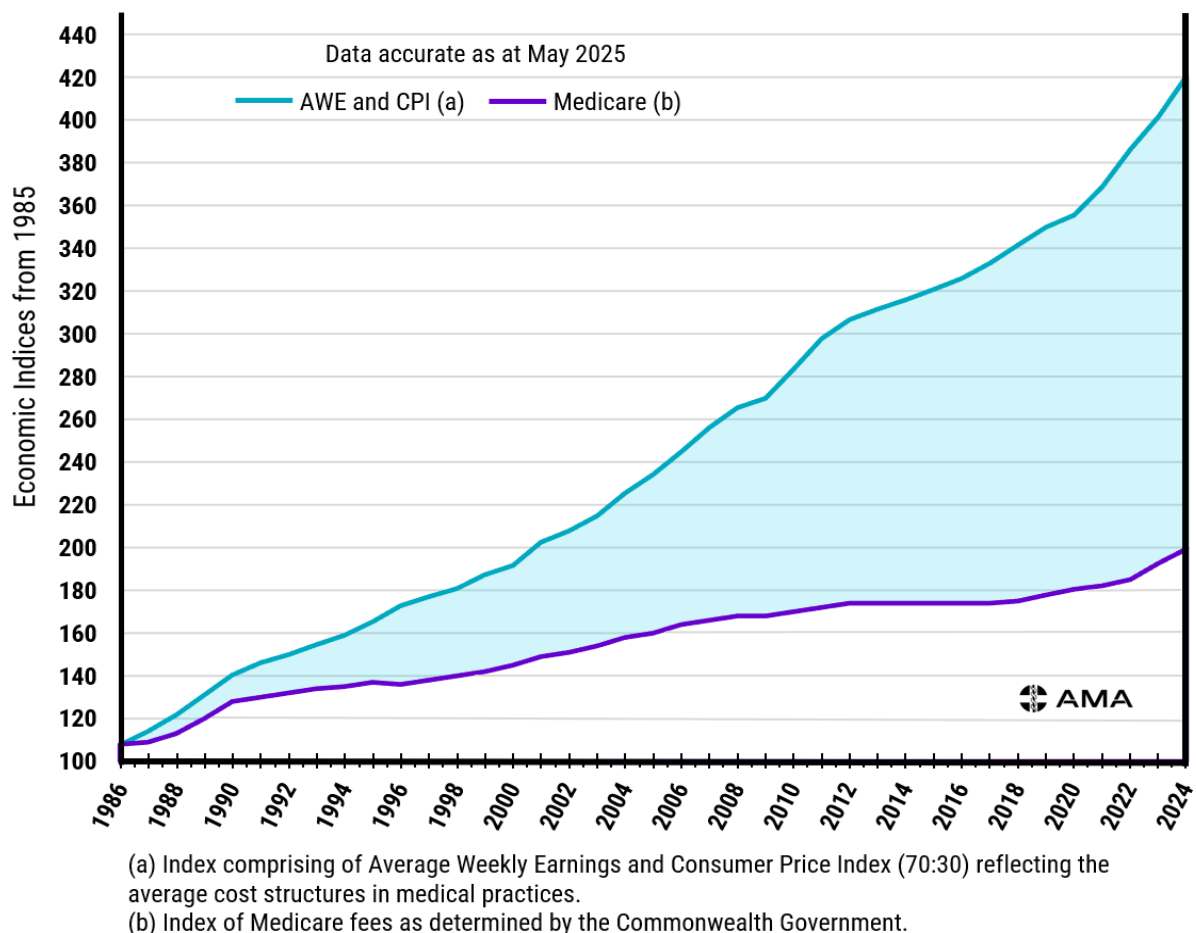


Why is there a gap?



Government's indexation of Medicare rebates has never kept pace with the rising cost of medical practice. Costs borne by practices tend to reflect AWE and CPI more closely, while Medicare indexation tends to be notably less than this.

Medicare rebates only increased between 1.2% to 2.5% from 1995 to 2012 – noting that all pathology and most diagnostic imaging services received no indexation during this period.

From 2012-2017 almost all MBS rebates were frozen with no indexation. Indexation only recommenced in 2017, when GP bulk-billing incentives were indexed at 1.4% and then from 2019-2022 with GP standard attendances and specialist consultations indexed at 1.6%, 1.5%, 0.9% and 1.6% (respectively).

This is why your Medicare rebate is worth less every year.
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