



Call for input ADGP 2007-2008 Federal Budget Submission

Each year, ADGP makes a submission to the Australian Government's Federal Budget process. Last year, we made specific recommendations relating to:

- A wellness agenda
- Building and strengthening primary health care teams
- Mental health
- Indigenous health
- Child and family health.

Many of our suggestions were acknowledged as important areas for new policy by the Council of Australian Governments, and subsequently funded by the Australian Government. These included:

- An expansion of *Lifescrpts*: the Lifestyle Prescriptions Initiative
- The introduction of an adult health check item number
- Expansion of practice nurses incentives into outer metro areas
- Major new spending in mental health with a focus on primary care delivery

A copy of last year's submission can be found at

http://www.adgp.com.au/site/index.cfm?page_id=6608&module=NEWS&leca=16&pageMode=indiv&FromSearch=true

We are now seeking ideas from Divisions and SBOs for the 2007-2008 Budget.

Your ideas need to be for tightly argued proposals for new or expanded policies or programs that meet the Government's public policy agendas. Ideas should:

- Be nationally relevant eg. programs for implementation Australia-wide
- Advance and improve the capacity of the primary health care system eg. strategies to improve practice capacity
- Address key primary health care challenges eg. workforce shortages
- Advance the role of the divisions network in primary health care eg. in implementing key health programs
- Address key population health issues eg. obesity

We suggest you use the following key areas of primary health care as a guide:

- Health care access
- Integration
- Primary health care teams
- health promotion
- E:health
- Workforce
- Chronic disease management
- Population health
- Indigenous health
- Prevention

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