

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Healthcare Homes

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Question:

Why is diabetes monitoring not mentioned in Health Care Homes evaluation as a performance outcome measure? (For instance, including a HBA1c glucose blood test to screen overweight participants in the Health Care Homes trial.)

Answer:

Health Care Homes is a practice based intervention enabled by a new funding model that allows practices flexibility to provide care to patients with chronic and complex conditions in the way most suited to individual patient needs. The model of care is patient centred and takes a broad approach to chronic disease care, rather than focussing on specific disease approaches to care or directing specific clinical management practices for single conditions. A large proportion of patients enrolling in Health Care Homes are expected to have multiple chronic diseases.