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Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

If it's already been flagged that they are widening the scope of their "statistical matrix" to include more items, won't this mean that there will be more cases to investigate?

Answer:

No. Medicare Australia's Practitioner Review Program process will continue in its current form and will include independent peer-based data analysis and an interview process. Medicare Australia already assesses claiming across all items in identifying potential inappropriate practice.