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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

What type of medical support will clients be directed to i.e. GPs, hospitals, specialist AOD and rehabilitation services?

Answer:

As part of the proposed drug testing trial, if a jobseeker tests positive to two drug tests in a 24-month period, the jobseeker will be referred by the Department of Human Services to a medical professional for assessment.

The medical assessment may recommend any type of drug or alcohol treatment that is appropriate for the jobseeker's individual circumstances.

Examples of treatment may include, but are not limited to, further assessment services, support and case management, counselling, information and education programs, detoxification and withdrawal management, non-residential care or rehabilitation, residential care or rehabilitation, or pharmacotherapy.