

Press Release



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GPs, patients and allied health professionals primed for PHCOs – but where's the transition funding?

The Central Coast Division of General Practice is calling on the Gillard Government to confirm its commitment to Primary Health Care Organizations (PHCOs) by establishing a significant Transition Fund for the development of PHCOs across Australia.

Dr Phil Godden says the Central Coast Division of General Practice will need to move forward with primary health care reform and in line with international trends towards PHCOs, but this cannot be achieved without significant funding to make the transition.

"PHCOs will not work in isolation and will need substantial financial backing from a Transition Fund to provide GPs with the certainty they need for their service and business processing plans for the future," Dr Phil Godden said.

"GPs, patients and allied health professionals have been primed for this transition and now need a clear funding commitment from the Government that the transition to PHCOs will be adequately funded to transition and to provide better coordinated services in the future.

"Through PHCOs patients can look forward to a system that will provide greater access to services, particularly after hours care, integrated multidisciplinary care and one in which patients will be able to navigate the health system more easily and seamlessly.

"Today's fragmented, hospital-centric system is not coping with the onslaught of chronic diseases like type 2 diabetes, that requires a general practice focus - not a waiting session at the local hospital emergency department.

"Primary health care services are positioned to provide the broad teams of experts and allied health professionals who are best placed to provide seamless health services for patients. This is the local health solution for our local communities.

"This is about integrating the medical models of care with clinical and social models of care that provide consumers with reliable and consistent services and support.

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“Primary health care organizations should help to ease the administrative burden on general practitioners to ensure individuals and families can access the additional services they need, when they need them,” Dr Phil Godden said.

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