

## 2024/2025 Budget Measures - Midwifery

- \$56.5 million over four years from 2024–25 to promote high quality and tailored maternity care by implementing recommendations from the MBS Review Taskforce, for participating midwives
- \$3.5 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$0.4 million per year ongoing) to expand the Midwife Professional Indemnity Scheme to include indemnity insurance cover for privately practicing midwives providing low-risk homebirths and intrapartum care outside of a hospital, and for specified entities providing Birthing on Country models of care
- \$49.1 million over four years from 2024–25 for gynaecology consultations of 45 minutes or longer with patients who have complex conditions such as endometriosis and pelvic pain
- \$5.2 million over three years from 2024–25 to support placement costs for health practitioners to undertake long-acting reversible contraception insertion and removal training
- \$7.0 million over four years from 2024–25 to support the development of miscarriage education and awareness materials, and provide funding for bereavement care services for women and families experiencing stillbirth or miscarriage
- \$1.2 million over two years from 2024–25 to support training for health practitioners to better treat, care and manage women’s health during menopause
- \$1.1 million over four years from 2024–25 to support the development and hosting of a platform for a virtual contraception choice decision making tree
- \$0.9 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue to monitor and evaluate activities under the National Stillbirth Action and Implementation Plan 2020–2030.
- \$12.5 million over four years from 2024–25 to provide free menstrual hygiene products to rural and remote First Nations communities to alleviate some cost of living pressures for vulnerable populations
- \$8.0 million over three years from 2024–25 to support the development of datasets on miscarriages and sexual and reproductive health, and evaluation activities for early pregnancy assessment services
- \$5.8 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue strategies to prevent preterm and early-term birth and reduce the number of babies born too early in participating maternity services and First Nations communities
- \$5.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue delivery of the Every Moment Matters awareness campaign, to support women who are planning pregnancy to achieve alcohol-free pregnancies and reduce the incidence of babies born with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder
- \$174.1 million over three years from 2025–26 to introduce indexation for labour-intensive pathology services, including pregnancy and infertility testing, immunology, and tissue pathology