



How to Support Medicare Funding for Life-Saving Trans Health Services

The Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) is reviewing Application 1754, which seeks to provide Medicare funding for critical health services that support the wellbeing of trans people. This is a historic opportunity to address financial and systemic barriers to care and ensure equitable access to life-saving, gender-affirming treatments.

What is MSAC?

MSAC advises the Australian Government on which medical services should be funded by Medicare. Submissions from the community play a vital role in shaping their recommendations. By sharing your story, you can help demonstrate the urgent need for these services.

What is Application 1754?

Application 1754 proposes Medicare funding for a set of gender-affirming medical services. These services are life-changing and, in many cases, life-saving. Currently, the lack of Medicare funding creates significant financial barriers, preventing many trans people from accessing the care they need.

Why Your Voice Matters

Your story can help MSAC understand the human impact of their decision. Powerful, personal accounts can illustrate:

- The financial, emotional, and physical toll of inaccessible healthcare.
- The transformative impact of receiving gender-affirming care.
- The need for equitable access to care that upholds the dignity and wellbeing of trans people.



How to Write an Impactful Submission

1. Start with Your Story

- Describe who you are and your connection to gender-affirming care.
- Share how access (or lack of access) has impacted your life or the lives of those you love.

2. Focus on the Key Points

- Emphasise the importance of Medicare funding for trans health services.
- Highlight how funding would improve health outcomes, reduce distress, and save lives.

3. Include a Powerful Quote

- Example: “Gender-affirming care saved my life. Without it, I would not be here today. Medicare funding would mean no one has to face the pain of being unable to afford the care they need.”

4. End with a Call to Action

- Urge MSAC to prioritise funding for these vital services to improve the health and dignity of trans people across Australia.

Submission Details

The Deadline for submission is **11:59PM, Friday 14th February**. To have your say on MSAC 1754, visit: <https://www.msac.gov.au/applications/1754> and scroll down to **Provide your input online**. If you need support or inspiration to write a strong response, explore our examples and tips in PART TWO, *How to write a powerful response*.

Remember: Your Voice Can Create Change

Speak from the heart, let MSAC hear the real, human stories behind the need for Medicare funding. Together, we can ensure equitable access to gender-affirming care for all trans people.