**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.

1. **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.

1. **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.”

1. **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.