

Health Policy Scorecard

HEALTH IS A KEY ELECTION ISSUE FOR AUSTRALIANS

A high quality healthcare system is key to a healthy population and a strong economy. Medicare and our public healthcare and hospital sectors provide a solid foundation for universal access to quality healthcare services, and rightfully require ongoing renewal to ensure they meet contemporary and future health needs of all Australians. The AHHA analysed the health policies of the national political parties to assess their ongoing support for a high-performing health sector – here are the results.

	 		
A commitment to UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE PRINCIPLES	X	✓✓	✓✓
A commitment to LONG-TERM SUSTAINABLE FUNDING	O	✓✓	✓✓
Policies to support INTEGRATION	✓	✓	✓
A commitment to PREVENTIVE CARE	?	✓	?
A commitment to QUALITY OUTCOMES	O	✓	O
Policies to support INNOVATION	✓	✓	?
A commitment to WORKING WITH THE STATES AND TERRITORIES	O	✓	✓

- ✓ positive
- X negative
- O neutral
- ? absence of policy

-  significant deterioration in health policy direction
-  significant improvement in health policy direction



“Coalition policies have made some amends for the damaging cuts in the 2014 Budget. However, some policies continue to exacerbate issues of access, equity and sustainability.” [AHHA](#)



“Labor supports universal care and is working toward a more sustainable health system. Further development of reform proposals will be important.” [AHHA](#)



“Greens strongly support universal healthcare and have announced positive policy proposals, but gaps exist.” [AHHA](#)

Source: Scorecard analysis was based on publicly announced policies made up to 20 June 2016 and information provided to AHHA by the Australian Labor Party and the Australian Greens. All major national parties were invited to provide details on their health policies to address these seven domains. The assessments presented here are based on analysis undertaken by a broad cross-section of invited health professionals and the AHHA. This scorecard was developed on the basis that announced policies will be acted upon and appropriately funded.