# Health Policy Scorecard

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## 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.

| | LIBERAL / NATIONALS for Regional Australia | Labor | THE GREENS |
|---|---|---|---|
| A commitment to **UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE PRINCIPLES** | X | ✓✓ | ✓✓ |
| A commitment to **LONG-TERM SUSTAINABLE FUNDING** | O | ✓✓ | ✓✓ |
| Policies to support **INTEGRATION** | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| A commitment to **PREVENTIVE CARE** | O | ✓ | ✓ |
| 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 and information provided to AHHA by the major national parties. 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.

**A healthy Australia supported by the best possible healthcare system**