

**CHF calls for Australian Government to fund public education campaign about Medicare**

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The federal government has approved an average industry health insurance premium increase of 3.03 per cent which will come into effect from the start of April.

One of the main reasons consumers tell us they take out private health insurance is to make sure they aren’t at the end of a very long public hospital waiting list, ensuring they receive the healthcare they need, when they need.

Today’s announcement, together with existing cost-of-living pressures, may mean that a portion of the 14 million Australians with private health insurance have to rethink affordability of their cover.

CHF would like to see all levels of government continue to work together to invest in the public health system which would help build back the public’s confidence in the system.

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