

After-Hours reform in Australia

Eight Key Risks

1. Undermining the 24/7 nature of the Australian doctor patient relationship.
2. Disenfranchising regular GPs from 24/7 patient care co-ordination.
3. Increasing pressure on State funded emergency departments and ambulance services.
4. Fragmenting patient care between in-hours and after-hours medical practitioners.
5. Reducing bulk-billed/affordable patient after-hours medical care accessibility.
6. Diminishing occupational health and safety standards for after-hours doctors and their staff.
7. Medicare Local organised after-hours services costing more than existing after-hours service providers, funded via GP after-hours PIP payments.
8. Net loss of aged care and frail aged access to after-hours medical care, including home visits.