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Hi Section 22

The figures we suggest you use for pathology and diagnostic imaging are:

For pathology, average of:

- 2.7 episodes for concessional patients (average of 5.7 tests)
- 1.3 episodes for non-concessional (average of 3 tests)

For DI, average of:

- 1.4 services for concessional patients
- 0.8 services for non-concessional

Please note that these figures are across all Medicare services (not just out-of-hospital) for 2012-13 and include Commonwealth Concession Card holders and children under 16 as concessional.

Regards

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Hi Section 22

As discussed, in briefings with the Treasurer, he has been keen to know what the 'average' use is (and so to have some idea of the 'average' impact of budget changes).

S22 we have 2012-13 figures of GP services:

- 8.4 for concession card holders of all ages
- 10.7 Age Pensioners and 9 for CSHC holders
- 4.8 for non-concessional

Do you have similar figures for DI and Pathology usage?

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Kind Regards,

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