



Australian Government

**NATIONAL  
BOWELCANCER**  
SCREENING PROGRAM

Dr <Doctor Given Name> <Doctor Family Name>  
<Preferred Mailing Address>  
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<Locality> <State> <Postcode>

Dear Doctor <Doctor Given Name> <Doctor Family Name>,

## Conclusion of payments for National Bowel Cancer Screening Program forms

You are receiving this letter as you previously submitted a GP Assessment Report, Colonoscopy and Histopathology Report, Procedure Report - Adverse Outcomes, or Histopathology Report form to the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program. These forms detail the progress of a participant through the screening pathway following a positive iFOBT result.

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### What's changing and when?

In 2020, payments for Program forms will conclude. This will follow the November 2019 transition of the National Bowel Cancer Screening Register to the National Cancer Screening Register (the National Register) and the introduction of new register functionality, scheduled for release from March 2020.

These new functions include a Healthcare Provider Portal and the ability for practice management software to integrate with the National Register. This will remove the need for healthcare providers and specialists to submit paper-based Program forms.

Under current arrangements, Program form payments are administered by the Department of Human Services through the National Bowel Cancer Screening Register, with payments made monthly. From December 2019, the Department of Human Services payment capability will not be available. The Department of Health will collect the forms through the National Register and expect to make a once off lump-sum payment to healthcare providers who continue to submit Program forms from November 2019. The payment is likely to be made soon after March 2020.

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### What do you need to do?

At this point, nothing. Please continue to submit Program forms as usual. You will receive further information on administrative arrangements in the coming months.

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### More information

Updates and information about these changes are available at [cancerscreening.gov.au/bowel](http://cancerscreening.gov.au/bowel) or by calling 1800 118 868.

For information on the National Register visit [ncsr.gov.au](http://ncsr.gov.au) or call 1800 627 701.

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Thank you for your continued support of the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program.

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