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Rebekha Sharkie MP Welcomes Government Backdown on Veterans' Allied Health Cap

Federal Independent Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie has welcomed the Government's decision to abandon its proposed \$5,000 annual threshold on DVA-funded allied health treatment for veterans.

Ms Sharkie had spoken out repeatedly against the proposed cap, warning that veterans with complex and ongoing health needs should not face a financial threshold when accessing clinically necessary care.

"I welcome the Government listening to veterans and removing the proposed cap.

"I've been clear that veterans should be able to access the allied health treatment they need based on their clinical circumstances, not an arbitrary dollar figure.

"For veterans living with ongoing physical injuries, rehabilitation needs or other complex health conditions, allied health treatment can be an essential part of maintaining their health, independence and quality of life."

Ms Sharkie said the Government's decision demonstrated the importance of veterans being heard when changes are proposed to the services they rely on.

"My office has been inundated with calls, and I've met with veterans in Canberra.

"They have advocated strongly against this change since it was announced - but it should never have come to this. These are people who have served our country, and they deserve to be treated better by this Government.

"Veterans have earned our support. When it comes to their healthcare, access to clinically necessary treatment must remain the priority."

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