



**The Hon Mark Butler MP**  
**Minister for Health and Aged Care**

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Dear Ms Cappuccio

Thank you for your correspondence of 14 February 2025 regarding the frequency of comprehensive eye examinations for patients under the age of 65 years.

I appreciate Optometry Australia's concerns for the eye health of Australians in seeking a commitment to increase the frequency of comprehensive eye examination item 10910 from 36 months to 24 months.

The Government is informed by the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) on decisions about public funding for new and existing services and procedures on the Medicare Benefits Schedule. MSAC provides advice on whether these services and procedures should be funded and implemented based on an assessment of comparative safety, clinical effectiveness, and cost-effectiveness, using the best available evidence.

Optometry Australia may wish to apply to the MSAC on this matter. If the MSAC supports an application, the Government will consider this advice through a future Budget process. Information on MSAC applications can be found at [www.msac.gov.au](http://www.msac.gov.au).

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Butler', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Butler

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