

How to switch health insurers if you're worried about cybersecurity, costs or claims



Switching insurers can provide better matches to consumer needs and increase competition, prompting service improvement.

In light of the Medibank cybersecurity breach, Dr Anam Bilgrami and Professor Henry Cutler write for The Conversation on what to consider when switching health insurers.

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Unlocking the future of virtual care in NSW



New \$1.27m federal partnership grant to unlock the future of virtual care

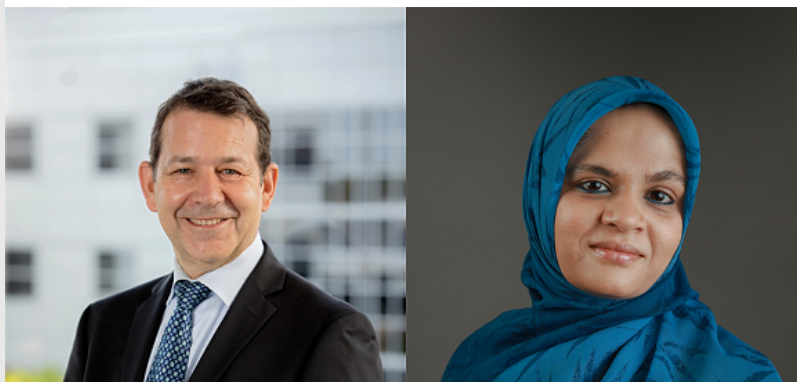
Health Infrastructure NSW today welcomed a \$1.27 million innovation grant from the National Health and Medical Research Council to boost research in world-leading change management practices to deliver better health facilities for patients and the community. The research is led by Associate Professor Reema Harrison.

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic virtual care (such as hospital in the home) came into focus. People could remain in their home, being safely monitored via health professionals located elsewhere, rather than having to visit a bricks and mortar premises. This new project will investigate best practice models to sustain these types of services and extend them across other health conditions.

“By fully integrating virtual care with face-to-face services, health systems will be positioned to offer better care for patients, realise efficiencies and provide optimal healthcare experiences,” says Associate Professor Harrison.

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JAMIA focus issue on climate change
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The prestigious international Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association (JAMIA) has released the first academic focus issue on climate change and health informatics

The editors of this special issue are Professors Enrico Coiera and Farah Magrabi, both internationally recognised leaders in the field of digital health.

“We used to think of large-scale serious weather events as rare and isolated events, but they have become more common and we must recognise what can be done as individuals and as a profession,” says Professor Coiera.

Health informatics and digital health solutions are fundamental to addressing both the causes and the consequences of global heating, yet this is not widely understood, say Professors Coiera and Magrabi in their editorial for the special issue.

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