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# What does the Federal Budget mean for health, aged care and hospitals?



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"Health portfolio funding has reduced by \$5.7 billion in 2022-23. There are no big ticket reform announcements, instead lots of smaller funding allocations targeted at specific groups and programs. Our healthcare system is still in urgent need of reform."

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