

Australia's Healthcare Economy in Flux: Digital Dominance, Aged Care Reform

Australian Healthcare Economy · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. Which of the following is a key driver for the projected substantial growth in Australia's digital health market, anticipated to reach USD 31.1 billion by 2034 with a CAGR of 14.92%?

- A) Decreased government investment in digital health infrastructure.
- B) A significant decline in the adoption of telehealth services.
- C) Government-led healthcare reforms and accelerated adoption of digital technologies.**
- D) Reduced patient demand for personalized medical treatment options.

2. The Australian aged care sector is undergoing significant reforms, including the implementation of a new Aged Care Act. When is the new Aged Care Act scheduled to take effect, representing a shift towards a more person-centric system?

- A) July 1, 2024
- B) November 1, 2025**
- C) January 1, 2025
- D) September 12, 2024

3. Regarding the Australian health insurance market, what has been a significant trend impacting premium rates and insurer capacity in high-risk sectors like obstetrics and youth/disability care in early 2025?

- A) Insurers have offered widespread premium reductions across all sectors due to low claims.
- B) Increased insurer capacity has led to aggressive price competition, lowering premiums for all.
- C) Insurers have been cautious, resulting in more restrictive cover and less available capacity in high-risk sectors.**
- D) Government intervention has mandated a flat 5% premium increase across the entire health insurance market.

4. In the Australian pharmaceutical market, what significant trend is noted regarding biologics and their market share, as indicated by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) in 2022?

- A) Biologics accounted for less than 10% of new drug approvals.
- B) Biologics represented over 40% of new drug approvals.**
- C) The TGA reported a decline in biologic approvals due to safety concerns.
- D) The market showed a strong preference for generic drugs over biologics.

5. What is the projected market size for Australia's medical devices (MedTech) market by 2034, according to recent forecasts?

- A) USD 8.9 billion
- B) USD 14.0 billion**
- C) USD 17.63 billion
- D) USD 421.89 billion

6. Concerning the 2024-2025 Commonwealth Budget for mental health in Australia, what is a notable concern raised regarding funding allocations?

- A) The budget fully funds services for all severe and disabling mental illnesses.
- B) Funding is primarily directed towards unproven initiatives for milder conditions, potentially misallocating resources.**
- C) There is a significant increase in direct funding for psychiatric hospitals.
- D) The budget prioritizes evidence-based interventions for severe mental illness over population-based initiatives.

7. The Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has enhanced its regulatory framework to address potential supply chain risks for medical devices. Which global event has been a primary catalyst for these TGA actions?

- A) The G7 summit on healthcare innovation.
- B) The ongoing conflict in the Middle East.**
- C) The introduction of a new international trade agreement.
- D) A global pandemic unrelated to direct supply manufacturing.

8. What is the projected market value for Australia's reprocessed medical devices market by 2030, and what is its expected Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) from 2025 to 2030?

- A) USD 29.7 million, 19.9% CAGR
- B) USD 88.2 million, 19.9% CAGR**
- C) USD 19.9 million, 29.7% CAGR
- D) USD 19.9 billion, 19.9% CAGR

9. In Australia's private health insurance market, what trend has been observed regarding the percentage of premiums returned to consumers as benefits in 2024-2025 compared to 2019?

- A) Insurers returned a higher percentage of premiums (over 88%) in 2024-2025 than in 2019.
- B) The percentage of premiums returned to consumers as benefits has decreased in 2024-2025, falling below the 2019 level.**
- C) There has been no significant change in the percentage of premiums returned to consumers.
- D) Insurers have consistently returned over 90% of premiums as benefits since 2019.

10. Which segment is currently dominating Australia's telehealth market in terms of application, representing the most widely adopted use for connecting patients with healthcare providers remotely?

- A) Remote patient monitoring
- B) Teleconsultation and telementoring**
- C) Store-and-forward telemedicine
- D) Telepsychiatry

11. What is the projected total recurrent expenditure on mental health in Australia for 2023-24, and what is the per person cost?

- A) Approximately \$13.8 billion or \$511.39 per person.**
- B) Approximately \$4.8 billion or \$177.80 per person.
- C) Approximately \$9.0 billion or \$333.00 per person.
- D) Approximately \$1.6 billion or \$59.19 per person.

12. The Australian government is increasing its contribution to state public hospitals from 2025 to 2030. What is the projected increase in the Commonwealth's contribution to the cost of care?

- A) From approximately 40% to 45% of the cost of care.**
- B) From approximately 50% to 55% of the cost of care.
- C) From approximately 35% to 40% of the cost of care.
- D) From approximately 45% to 50% of the cost of care.