

**Submission  
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**IMPROVING ACCESS TO EARLY CHILDHOOD HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT  
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CFH nurses who are suitably qualified are employed in the public sector and work autonomously assessing children between 0-5 years and refer appropriately. In GP practices CFHN can be employed however there is currently no cost benefit to the practice. Medicare will only fund the GP to see the child even though a qualified CFH can do all assessments and immunisations without the assistance of the GP. I am currently employed in both sectors however remuneration in GP practice is less than in the public sector, even though I work within the same scope of practice.

CFHNs need to be supported in GP practices , both by funding and remuneration, to increase access to childhood assessments and ongoing reviews for 0-5 years and to offer parents an alternative.