



Australasian College of Sports Physicians  
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## **Specialist Recognition of Sports Physicians**

Specialist status recognition for Sports Physicians was recently granted by the Minister for Health and Ageing, Nicola Roxon MP, an appropriate and long sought after decision.

Unfortunately, in conjunction with that decision, Minister Roxon imposed changes which mean that some patients will receive a lower Medicare rebate when seeing a Sports Physician. This is more likely to affect patients with complex conditions who require longer than average consultations.

The Government has not explained to us why recognition as medical specialists has resulted in lower Medicare rebates for these patients of Sports Physicians.

We apologise for any increased out-of-pocket expenses resulting from the Government's decision.

**If you wish to let the Government know that you are unhappy with its rebate decision, please contact the Minister for Health and Ageing:**

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