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Dear Mr Batten

Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation – listing on the Medical Benefits Schedule

From 1 November 2017, transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI) and associated services will be available on the Medical Benefits Schedule (MBS), for use in patients who are symptomatic with severe aortic stenosis, and who are deemed to be at high risk for surgical aortic valve replacement or who would otherwise be inoperable.

The *Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation) Determination 2017* was registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments on 23 October 2017. This outlines the requirements for the MBS TAVI listed services.

The attached factsheet on the TAVI listing can be found on the MBS Online website via <http://www.mbsonline.gov.au/internet/mbsonline/publishing.nsf/Content/factsheets>.

If you have any questions on the TAVI listing, or require further information to what is available online, please contact Mary Warner, Director of the MBS Policy and Specialist Services Section on (02) 6289 7315, or via email at Mary.Warner@health.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Natasha Ryan'.

Natasha Ryan
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