## **PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!**



We invite health care providers\* and carers of individuals who experience eating disorder symptoms to take part in our research exploring opinions about Government-funded treatment options for eating disorders.

In November 2019, the Federal Government introduced a range of new Medical Benefits Scheme (MBS) items for eating disorder treatment, including extending the number of sessions per year that individuals could claim for eating disorder treatment. This was designed to provide benefit for individuals with a lived experience of an eating disorder, and we are interested to evaluate whether this initiative has been successful.

We are interested in interviewing health care providers (general practitioners, paediatricians, psychiatrists, psychologists, dietitians, occupational therapists, and social workers) and carers of individuals who experience eating disorder symptoms, via in-depth semi-structured interviews to better understand your experiences of using these new items, impacts, barriers, and enablers to these item's uptake.

I would like to invite you to contribute to this research by participating in a confidential online interview scheduled via zoom at time convenient for you. The interview will take approximately 45 minutes. If you think you would like to participate, please email me (Genevieve Pepin) at genevieve.pepin@deakin.edu.au.

Participation is entirely voluntary and confidential, and will not affect your relationship with Deakin University, the Federal Government, or with any other individual or organisation.

If you have any further questions about participating in the study, don't hesitate to get in touch genevieve.pepin@deakin.edu.au

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This study has received Deakin University ethics approval 84\_2023.