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This month: Child Dental Benefits Schedule, claiming ABSTUDY and travelling overseas.

G'day, I'm Hank Jongen, here to tell you what's happening with the department in November.

As the year is coming to an end I'd like to remind families about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. This covers part of or the full costs of a range of dental services for children aged 2 to 17 years of age. If eligible, you can get up to \$1000 over 2 calendar years. Before booking a visit to the dentist, you can check your eligibility and the remaining benefit cap amount for your child by accessing your Medicare online account through myGov or by calling the Medicare general enquiries line.

ABSTUDY helps Indigenous Australians with the costs of studying or doing an Australian Apprenticeship. It's important to get claims for next year submitted early. This is especially important for students moving away from home to study, that's so payments can be finalised and travel can be organised as early as possible. Claiming before December will help students get ABSTUDY before school starts.

This year, we've made claiming easier with a verbal declaration. This means when you claim over the phone, most people won't need to return a Customer Declaration Form – you'll only need to return it if your information isn't correct or you need to advise of changes. We'll also let you know if you need to provide any additional supporting documents for your claim.

As we're approaching the end of the year, a lot of people are thinking about holidays. If you're planning to travel overseas, it's important to check how this may affect your health care, child support arrangements and Centrelink payments.

You can tell us about your travel using your Centrelink online account through myGov, and we'll be able to give you tailored information about how your travel could affect your payment. While overseas, you'll also need to let the department know about any changes to your circumstances that would normally affect your payment or concession card, just as you would if you were in Australia.

There are rules covering how travelling outside Australia may affect your payment or concession card. These depend on the payment or concession card that you get. You can find out more on the website.

Thanks for watching, and as always, don't forget to like or follow us on social media and subscribe to our channel to keep up to date...

I'll see you next month, goodbye for now.

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