| **Table 20b:** Medicare services by claim type - Benefits | | | | |
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| **Benefits** | **2010-11** | **2011-12** | **2012-13** | **% change2** |
| Medicare bulk billed | $10.7 billion | $11.7 billion | $12.4 billion | +6.0 |
| Patient claimed | $4.1 billion | $4.2 billion | $4.2 billion | 0.0 |
| Simplified billing | $1.6 billion | $1.8 billion | $2.0 billion | +11.1 |
| **Total benefits paid** | **$16.3 billion** | **$17.8 billion** | **$18.6 billion** | **+4.5** |
| Average benefit per service | $51.32 | $53.21 | $54.15 | +1.8 |
| Average period (date of lodgement to processing) | 2.2 days | 2.6 days | 2.6 days | 0 days |

1. In-hospital claims lodged electronically.

2. Percentage change between 2011–12 and 2012–13.