



**Figure 1.** Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) health assessment item claims before and after the introduction of the Heart Health Check Item 699 among Australian adults aged  $\geq 35$  years. Data are presented for health assessment item claims for three 12-month periods: before Item 699 ('Before 699') was introduced, the first 12 months after Item 699 was introduced ('After 699') and the 12-months after COVID-19 pandemic restrictions were introduced ('After 699 + COVID-19'). Item claims are shown quarterly (Q1-Q4) for 2018 (18), 2019 (19), 2020 (20) and 2021 (21).