



MEDICAL OUTREACH INDIGENOUS CHRONIC DISEASE PROGRAM

The Rural Workforce Agency Victoria (RWAV) is the fundholder for the Commonwealth Department of Health's Medical Outreach Indigenous Chronic Disease Program (MOICDP).

The program aims to increase access to a range of health services, including expanding primary health for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the treatment and management of all chronic diseases. A chronic disease is a condition that has been (or likely to be) present for six months or more and includes: diabetes, cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease, renal disease, and cancer.

Funding Eligibility

The program supports outreach services provided by medical specialists, allied health professionals, nursing services, combinations of eligible services (i.e., multidisciplinary teams), general practitioners and Aboriginal health workers.

Funding is available to cover applicable out of pocket expenses relating to the following:

*certain rates/fees apply may apply

- Travel costs: airfares, car hire, mileage for hire car or use of personal car and taxi hire
- Accommodation: per night at ATO rates
- Meal Allowance: (per meal, at ATO rates): breakfast, lunch, dinner, and incidentals
- Facility Fee: of up to \$200.00 per day
- Administration Support (daily rate): administrative costs associated with the delivery of outreach services, such as the organisation of appointments, processing of correspondence and follow up with patients at the outreach location
- Professional Support (hourly rate): Informal support provided by the visiting health professional to the general practitioner and/or other local health professionals
- Absence from practice allowance (hourly rate): a payment made to a non-salaried private health professional for time spent travelling to and from a location where they are providing a service

Funding Eligibility cont.

- Backfilling (public specialists only): the salary costs of backfilling salaried medical staff who provide approved outreach services
- Workforce support (hourly rate; case by case basis): under exceptional circumstances, this payment may be available to private health professionals who provide outreach in RA4 (remote) and RA5 (very remote) to mainly Indigenous communities. A Workforce support payment may be paid in circumstances where; access to Medical Benefits Schedule (MBS) payments are not assured; and/or patient compliance with appointments is uncertain
- Upskilling: informal or formal educational and upskilling activities held at the outreach service location that provides training in a clinical or practical context. (Optional - this is not a requirement for health professionals providing outreach services)
- Orientation visit: travel and absence from practice allowances available for up to 4 hours for each new location
- Cultural awareness and safety training: support to undertake this training, if required
- Telehealth services: venue hire and equipment, administration support for service provider and the host location and 1 hour of professional support

Funding is not available to support:

- Elective cosmetic surgery
- Standalone training
- Research activities
- Alternative health services: for example, Chinese medicine, reflexology
- Capital expenditure for health service delivery
- Leasing or purchasing of medical equipment
- Purchase or leasing a motor vehicle
- Salaries for health professionals
- Hospital services: patient care while in hospital

Further Information:

You can find further information on the RWAV website including:

- Commonwealth Medical Outreach Indigenous Chronic Disease Service Delivery Standards
- RWAV Needs Assessment?
- Medical Outreach Indigenous Chronic Disease Application Form
- Interactive Outreach Services Map
- How MOICDP is supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Victoria

For further information or queries, please email MOICDP@rwav.com.au or call the RWAV office on 9349 7800.