



# Healthy Ears – Better Hearing, Better Listening

## Aim

The aim of Healthy Ears – Better Hearing, Better Listening (HEBHBL) is to increase access to a range of health services including expanded primary health for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and youth (0-21 years) for the diagnosis, treatment and management of ear and hearing health.

## Objectives

The objectives of HEBHBL are to:

- increase access to multidisciplinary care in primary health care settings; and
- increase the range of services offered by visiting health professionals to prevent, detect and manage ear disease more effectively, as well as promote ear and hearing health in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and youth.

## Support offered

Funding is able to provide reimbursement for the following: travel, accommodation, meals, administration support, and facility fees.

In exceptional circumstances private health professionals can apply for an absence from practice allowance and/or workforce support payment. Public health professionals are able to apply for backfill.

## Eligible services

Services eligible for funding through HEBHBL:

- Medical specialist services
- Allied health and nursing services
- Multidisciplinary teams
- Outreach GP services
- Administration and coordination of outreach services
- Aboriginal health workers

## Ineligible services

Services ineligible for funding through HEBHBL:

- Elective cosmetic surgery
- Stand-alone training
- Research activities
- Purchase of medical equipment or vehicles
- Salaries for health professionals
- Hospital services

*The Outreach programs are delivered by Rural Health West on behalf of the Australian Government Department of Health.*