



# Medical Outreach Indigenous Chronic Disease Program

## Aim

The aim of Medical Outreach Indigenous Chronic Disease Program (MOICDP) is to increase access to a range of health services, including expanded primary health for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the treatment and management of chronic disease.

## Objectives

The objectives of MOICDP 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 chronic disease more effectively.

## 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.

## Focus areas

Services must focus on a chronic disease, where chronic disease is defined as 'a condition that has been or is likely to be present for six months or more'. Chronic conditions could include (but are not limited to): diabetes, cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease, renal disease, cancer, or mental health.

## Eligible services

Services eligible for funding through MOICDP:

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

## Ineligible services

Services ineligible for funding through MOICDP:

- 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.*