



Rural Health Outreach Fund

Introduction

The Rural Health Outreach Fund (RHOF) aims to ensure all Australians have the same opportunity to access medical services, regardless of the location in which they live.

The RHOF supports outreach health activities to address health issues identified in regional, rural, and remote locations, including through improved coordination and combination of health activities. There is emphasis on the following health priorities:

- maternity and paediatric health
- eye health
- mental health
- support for chronic disease management, including chronic pain management.

RHOF is managed by CheckUP as the jurisdictional fundholder of the Outreach programs in Queensland.

Aims

The program's objectives are to:

- provide both public and private outreach health services that address prioritised community needs
- broaden the range and choice of health services available in regional, rural and remote locations
- remove the financial disincentives that create barriers to outreach service provision.

Funding eligibility

The program supports outreach services provided by:

- allied health practitioners
- general practitioners
- medical specialists
- nursing practitioners.

Reimbursement

Through the program, reimbursement may be available for:

- coordination and administration support
- travel expenses
- cultural awareness and safety training for participating service providers
- upskilling local health professionals
- professional support associated with outreach services.

About CheckUP

CheckUP is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to better health for people and communities who need it most. CheckUP works with partner organisations and health providers to create healthier communities and reduce health inequities through a range of initiatives. CheckUP has an established footprint in over 170 communities across Queensland.