



Healthy Ears

Introduction

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

The Healthy Ears program provides services in urban, rural, regional, remote, and very remote communities across Queensland, with priority given to locations and service types of greatest need.

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

Aims

The program's objectives are to:

- increase access to multidisciplinary care in primary health care settings
- increase the range of services offered by visiting health professionals to prevent, detect and manage ear disease more effectively.

Funding eligibility

The program supports Outreach services provided by:

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

Reimbursement

Through the program, reimbursement is 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.