

## HOW THE NCACCH INDIGENOUS OUTREACH WORKER (IOW) CAN SUPPORT YOU:

- Provide information and support to register for Closing the Gap (CTG)
- Provide information and link you to any programs or services that may be useful for you
- Can attend doctor visits and provide support
- Register for a Medicare card if you don't have one
- Overcome barriers when accessing health services ie. understanding information

## NCACCH INDIGENOUS HEALTH PROJECT OFFICER (IHPO)

The NCACCH Indigenous Health Project Officer supports the doctors and staff to provide a culturally appropriate service for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community on the Sunshine Coast and Gympie region.

If you feel that a practice could benefit from a visit from the NCACCH Indigenous Health Project Officer, please contact NCACCH on 5346 9800

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# Let's talk CLOSING THE GAP

*"Let's Be Stronger &  
Live Longer"*

Closing the Gap (CTG)  
is an Australian Government  
initiative that helps improve  
the health outcomes of Aboriginal  
and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

*"Your Pathway to Better Health"*

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people of any age are eligible to sign up for Closing the Gap (CTG).

## HOW CTG CAN HELP YOU?

Closing the Gap has 2 parts to it:

- You can receive most medication on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Co-payment Measure at a reduced cost.
- If eligible, you can receive extra support from your doctor to help with your chronic condition/s through the Practice Incentives Program (PIP) Indigenous Health Incentive.

## HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THE PBS CO-PAYMENT MEASURE?

Next time you visit your Doctor, let reception staff know that you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. They will complete a registration form and ask you to sign it.

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN ONCE I HAVE REGISTERED?

Whenever your Doctor writes or prints your script, it will have the wording "CTG" on it, which lets the chemist know that you are registered for cheaper medications.

If you would like more information or support on how to register, please contact your Indigenous Outreach Worker at NCACCH on 5346 9800

## "Let's Be Stronger & Live Longer" and have an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Assessment ("715" Health Check)

The "715" Health Check can be completed for all Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people of any age. A health assessment looks at your overall health and well-being and is completed by a nurse and then looked at by your doctor.

This assessment can be completed every 9-12 months and takes about 30-45 minutes.

## HOW WILL A "715" BENEFIT YOU?

- Chronic conditions may be picked up earlier
- May prevent future health risks
- Provide you with improved access to chronic disease management if required
- Provide support and information on living a healthy lifestyle and making healthy choices
- You can access a maximum of 5 allied health services in total per calendar year ie: exercise physiologist, speech pathologist, diabetes educator, physiotherapist, occupational therapist or podiatrist.

If you are a NCACCH client and have been diagnosed with a chronic condition/s, you may be eligible to participate in the NCACCH Chronic Disease Management Program (CDMP).

If you would like more information or support on how to register, please contact the CDMP Clinical Support Officer at NCACCH on 5346 9800

## If you have a chronic condition:

A chronic condition is a medical condition that you have had, or likely to have for six months or longer.

If you are unsure whether you have a chronic condition, please ask your Doctor.

Extra support is available for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. If you are 15 years of age and over, and have a chronic condition/s, you can register for the PIP Indigenous Health Incentive:

- Your doctor can help you manage your chronic condition/s, and provide the care you need
- You can access an additional 5 allied health services (10 in total, per calendar year, with a care plan and "715" health assessment)

## HOW DO I REGISTER FOR PIP INDIGENOUS HEALTH INCENTIVE?

Next time you visit your Doctor, let reception staff know that you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

They will complete a registration form and ask you to sign it. This form will need to be completed each year and is the same form as the PBS Co-payment Measure registration form.

If you would like more information or support on how to register, please contact your Indigenous Outreach Worker at NCACCH on 5346 9800