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Accelerating Outcomes through a regional approach

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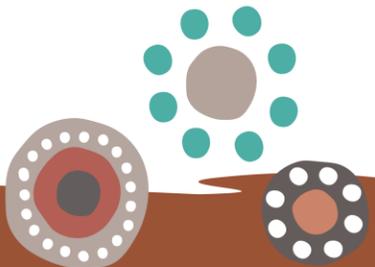


South East Queensland

- Largest Indigenous population in Australia

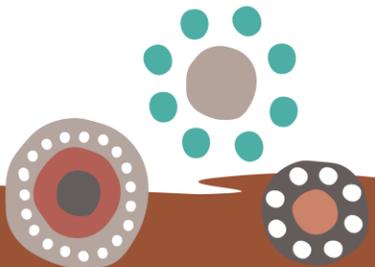
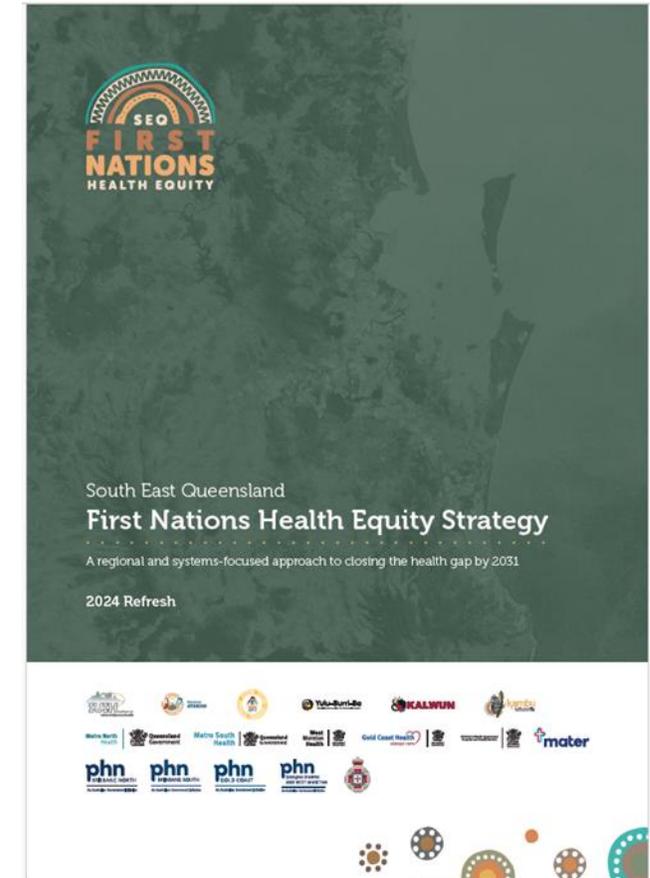
- Second fastest growing region in Australia

- A 6.7 year life expectancy gap to close in 7 years



Accelerating efforts through a regional approach

- First Nations-led
- Harnessing the strengths of each partner.
- Working across the continuum of care.
- A regional approach supporting local implementation.



Partnering for regional investment - Connected Community Pathways

- Took a regional approach.
- Identified shared priorities.
- Each HHS submitted 1 x SEQ First Nations proposal.
- Funding flows to ACCHOs to deliver and/or coordinate care.
- More than \$11M into the region.

Dental services

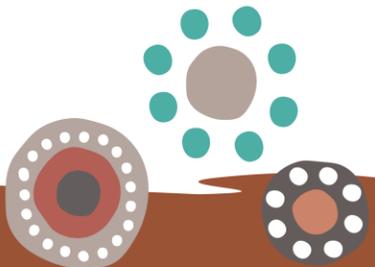
Early intervention for
vulnerable youth

Heart Outreach

Pain Management

Public Health Integration

Women's Cancer
pathways



Pursuing funding reform: Activity Based Funding

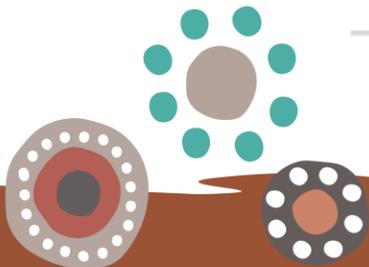
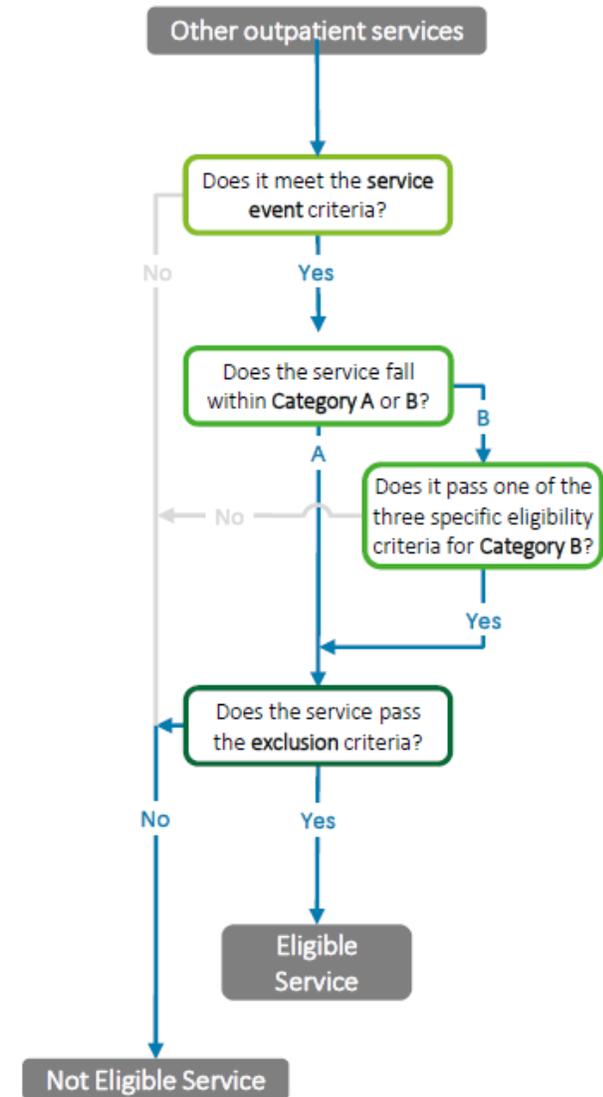
- Activity Based Funding is a method for funding hospital services.
- Hospital services includes:
 - emergency department services
 - acute admitted services e.g., surgery
 - admitted mental health services
 - sub-acute and non-acute services e.g., rehab, palliative care
 - non-admitted services e.g. specialist outpatient clinics and community health services
- Could Activity Based Funding be used to fund sub-acute and non-admitted services being delivered by the ACCHOs in South East Queensland?



ABF - proving the concept

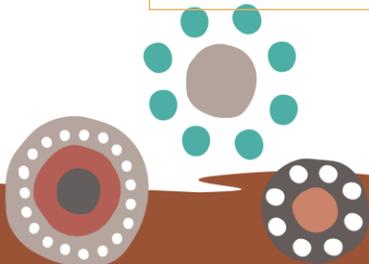
Attributes of eligible health services or program

- ✓ Regular and intensive contact with patient
- ✓ Conditions where hospital treatment is generally required
- ✓ Be closely linked to a public hospital admission or presentation
- ✓ Be an active interventions which has the primary purpose of preventing hospital admissions
- ✓ Have a formal process for discharging a patient from the service/program.



Examples

Out of Scope	In Scope
✘ General Practice and primary health care	✔ Hospital-in-the-home
✘ Aged care assessment	✔ Cardiac rehabilitation program
✘ Family planning services	✔ Pulmonary rehabilitation program
✘ General counselling services	✔ Hospital avoidance programs
✘ Prevention and early intervention	✔ Community mental health programs
✘ Community based services/programs focused on management of stable patients	✔ Non-admitted allied health programs



Activity Based Funding - Understanding our readiness

Do we understand demand in our region: health needs, hospital admissions, referrals, waiting lists?

Can we map an optimal care pathway between community-based care and the hospital/s?

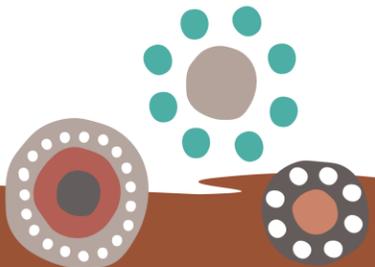
Do we have clear referral and discharge processes between the hospital/s and A&TSICCHOs?

Can we 'price' our services at a unit of activity?

Can we count and acquit activity – ensure we're not “double dipping”?

What would an activity based service agreement look like?

Should the funding flow to ATSI/CHOs from an HHS/s or from the Department?



Advocating for national health reforms



- ACCHOs to be recognised as integral partners in health service planning and commissioning, alongside HHS & PHNs.
- ACCHOs to be recognised as critical partners in the design and delivery of optimal care pathways for First Nations patient.
- New funding models e.g., bundles payments, capitation payments and an innovation fund.

