



## **Access for All**

### *Improving access to mainstream health services for people with disabilities in regional, rural and remote Queensland*

CheckUP is a not-for-profit organisation with many years' experience partnering with others, including education, employment and health organisations to address inequities and grow healthier communities in rural, remote and regional areas of Queensland and the Northern Territory. CheckUP is dedicated to improving the health of people and communities who need it most; and has successfully developed and delivered a range of early intervention and health promotion initiatives and education programs around the social determinants of health.

#### **About the Project:**

*Access for All* is a three-year (2020-2023) funded project under the National Disability Insurance Agency's *Information Linkages and Capacity Building – Mainstream Capacity Building* program. The project aims to raise disability access awareness, knowledge and the capability of health staff and the organisations who provide mainstream health care in regional, rural and remote locations throughout Queensland. The project will deliver an online training package that will provide practical strategies for health care professionals to address barriers faced by people with a disability when accessing mainstream health care.

#### **Objective:**

The objective is to encourage practice change in the delivery of mainstream health services to people with a disability by health care practitioners and organisations. Areas for consideration include attitudes to disability, unconscious bias, and improving knowledge about access issues including the physical environment a health professional provides care in, communication and health literacy considerations, coordination and continuity of care, healthcare rights, promotion of available health services, and sociocultural inclusivity.

#### **Outcomes:**

The project will develop and deliver a range of campaign resources including online training modules, video case studies, printed and online resources and a web directory of providers in regional, rural and remote Queensland.

#### **Governance:**

The project is guided by an Advisory Group comprising of key healthcare stakeholders, disability advocacy organisations, consumer and carer representatives.

#### **Further information or to be involved:**

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