Aim
The Eye and Ear Surgical Services Program aims to improve access to ENT and Ophthalmology surgical services for people living in rural and remote locations, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, (0-21 years old for ENT surgery) for the treatment of eye and hearing health.

Objectives
To support a range of activities, in conjunction with local stakeholders, that overcome barriers to surgical intervention for those patients who have been placed on a wait list for surgery.

Funding eligibility
The Program supports outreach services Funding is available for:

- Recruitment of staff and health professionals to perform surgery
- Coordination and administration support
- Travel expenses for patient and provider
- Cultural awareness and safety training for participating service providers
- Upskilling/training
- Professional support associated with outreach services.
- Hospital fees

Services to be provided
The Program will:
- Establish new or enhance existing outreach services to provide access to surgical interventions for Indigenous Australians.
- Plan services in consultation with relevant stakeholders
- Undertake recruitment of health professionals to undertake the activity
- Ensure appropriate levels of pre and post operative care, including transportation to appointments and referrals to other relevant health professionals

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