

CheckUP

Visiting Optometrist Scheme

Aim

The aim of the Visiting Optometrist Scheme (VOS) is to deliver outreach optometric services to people living in regional, rural and remote locations, who do not have ready access to primary eye care services .

In 2009 -2010 the VOS was expanded to provide increased optometry services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, particularly in remote and very remote locations.

The integration and coordination of the VOS is supported by a regional approach to the planning and delivery of services across Queensland, with CheckUP as the jurisdiction fund holder.

Focus Areas

The Program will focus service delivery on eye health.

Objectives

The objective of the VOS is to improve the eye health of people in regional, rural and remote locations by:

- increasing optometry services in areas of identified need;
- improving the coordination and integration of those eye health services and the quality of ongoing patient care; and
- enhancing communication between visiting optometrists, local health providers and other visiting health professionals.

Funding eligibility

The program supports outreach services provided by:

- Optometrists

Reimbursement may be

- Administration support
- Travel expenses and allowances
- Student support (travel only)
- Cultural awareness and safety training
- Upskilling/ training of local healthcare providers

The Outreach program is made possible through funding from the Australian Department of Health



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