Healthy Ears
Better Hearing, Better Listening

Introduction
The aim of the Healthy Ears - Better Hearing, Better Listening Program (Healthy Ears) is to increase access to a range of health services including expanded primary health for Indigenous children and youth (0-21 years) for the diagnosis, treatment and management of ear and hearing health.

Aim
The Program's objectives are to:
Increase access to multidisciplinary care in primary health care settings
Increase the range of services offered by visiting health professionals to prevent, detect and manage ear disease more effectively.

Funding eligibility
The Program supports outreach services provided by:
• Medical Specialists
• Allied Health Professionals
• Nurses
• Multidisciplinary teams
• General Practitioners
• Aboriginal Health Workers

Reimbursement is available for:
• Coordination and administration support
• Travel expenses
• Cultural awareness and safety training for participating service providers
• Upskilling/ training
• Professional support associated with outreach services.

Services to be provided:
The Program will:
• Build on existing outreach services and establish new services with a focus on ear and hearing health.
• Focus on the prevention, detection, and management of the complex conditions that arise in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and youth in urban, rural, regional, remote and very remote communities.
• Provide services according to locations and service types of greatest need.

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