

Eye and Ear Surgical Support (EESS) EOI

The Eye and Ear Surgical Support (EESS) program is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health, under the Indigenous Australians' Health Program, and forms part of CheckUP's Outreach services.

The overall aim of the EESS program is to improve access to surgical services to reduce the instances of avoidable blindness and deafness, and support a culturally appropriate pathway into surgery for Indigenous Australians with diagnosed eye and ear conditions who have been waiting for surgery. Services are prioritised to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations living in MMM 3-7 locations across Queensland.

EESS Objectives

- Reduce surgery wait times for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people needing eye surgery (largely cataract) and/or ear surgery for conditions resulting from Otitis Media
- Reduce barriers to accessing timely surgical treatment
- Strengthened and culturally supported patient surgical pathways
- Improved eye and ear health for patients who receive surgery.

Funding may support the following - patient and carer travel expenses, provider travel expenses, administration, and other associated expenses.

EESS Proposal

Proposal Details	
Health Priority (Eye or Ear):	
Region:	
Patient communities:	
Hospital/Facility:	
Procedure types (eye or ear related only):	
Potential Surgery Date/s:	
Estimate TOTAL number of patients referred/waiting for surgery (incl. public waitlist):	
Estimate number of patients TO BE PRIORITISED through EESS during 20/21:	
How will patients be <u>prioritised</u> for surgery through EESS?	
Health specialists involved (surgeon/ anaesthetist):	
Other stakeholders involved and their roles (e.g. ACCHO, providing transport):	
Links to other programs (e.g. PTSS, ITC, MBS, HAP-EE, MOICDP):	
ALO or AHW support available?	
Will any consultations/surgeries be bulk billed through Medicare?	
Pre-op, post-op, and follow-up care arrangements:	

Please further explain current eye or ear surgery pathway issues, and how the EESS funding can help overcome these issues:

Issues with current surgical pathway options (e.g. cost, distance, public wait times, lack of service):	
Issues with access to pre/post/follow-up appointments for patients (e.g. distance, cost):	
Issues with <u>cultural appropriateness</u> of existing pathway or service:	
Please provide <u>any further detail</u> to highlight why the EESS program will assist your community/clients:	

Estimate Cost

Estimate Facility/Hospital costs:	
Specialist fees per patient for surgeon and anaesthetist (MBS/DVA):	
Other Service costs:	
Equipment/Consumables costs:	
<u>Specialist /Staffing costs</u> (transport/meals/accommodation):	
<u>Patient & Carer costs</u> – (transport/meals/accommodation):	
Are the patients eligible for PTSS or ITC? Will this be used?	
Any further in-kind support/ external contributions?	
Estimated cost per patient:	
Estimated <u>Total</u> project cost:	