

Expansion of colonoscopy triage services

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - HEALTH

Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	<p>Commonwealth New South Wales Victoria Queensland Western Australia South Australia Tasmania Australian Capital Territory Northern Territory</p>
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2025.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule supports states and territories to expand existing direct access colonoscopy triage models for participants of the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (NBCSP) that return a positive bowel cancer screening result, and improve access to and reporting of public diagnostic colonoscopy services.</p> <p>Activities under this Schedule will include (but are not limited to) the identification and implementation of improvements to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • streamline and expand referral pathways to improve equitable and timely access to colonoscopy for NBCSP participants referred to the public system for diagnostic investigation, particularly those located in remote and rural locations; • public hospital colonoscopy reporting to the National Cancer Screening Register, consistent with Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, 'Colonoscopy Clinical Care Standard, Quality Statement 9 - Reporting and follow-up', to ensure accurate and timely reporting against the performance indicators for the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program; and • the assessment of activities undertaken under this Schedule and the outcomes achieved under this agreement. <p>Note: The Commonwealth is separately partnering with states and territories to support the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program Participant Follow Up Function (PFUF), which aims to encourage Program participants along the screening pathway following a positive faecal occult blood test, through the <i>National Bowel Cancer Screening Program – Participant Follow-up Function (PFUF) Schedule</i>.</p>

Estimated financial contributions

The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of \$10.165 million in respect of this Schedule.

(\$)	2023-24	2024-25	Total
Estimated total budget	5,927,000	4,238,000	10,165,000
New South Wales	1,281,564	995,475	2,277,039
Queensland	1,211,024	934,715	2,145,739
Victoria	1,030,442	779,170	1,809,612
Western Australia	580,044	391,217	971,261
Tasmania	575,459	387,268	962,727
South Australia	527,491	345,951	873,442
Northern Territory	420,976	254,204	675,180
Australian Capital Territory	300,000	150,000	450,000
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	5,927,000	4,238,000	10,165,000
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0

Additional terms

The Commonwealth supports the provision of hospital services through the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA). The NHRA provides that the Commonwealth will not fund a service where the same service, or any part of the same service, is otherwise funded by the Commonwealth. States and Territories will ensure that any claim for funding under the NHRA is not funding services, or any part of a service, provided for under this agreement and will maintain appropriate records.

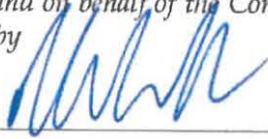
The Commonwealth will provide States with Expansion of Colonoscopy Triage Services Reporting Guidelines, to assist with progress reports in accordance with Table 2 of this Schedule.

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Timing	Payment
<p>Enhancement of direct access colonoscopy triage models for participants of the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (NBCSP)</p>	<p>Provision of a project plan outlining planned activities and expected timeframes (including baseline information about existing models of colonoscopy triage) to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) expand access to direct access colonoscopy for participants in the NBCSP who return a positive bowel cancer screening result; and b) improve accurate and timely public hospital colonoscopy reporting to the NCSR to inform the relevant performance indicators for the NBCSP. 	<p>Within 2 months of signing or by 3 June 2024, whichever is the earliest</p> <p>(please send to nbcsp@health.gov.au)</p>	<p>100% of annual allocation for 2023-24.</p>
	<p>Provision of a progress report outlining activities undertaken against the agreed project plan, including a description of any enhancements identified or being implemented and an overview of any measured or expected impacts/outcomes.</p> <p>If progress against the project plan is delayed, the State or Territory must advise the Commonwealth in writing prior to 14 July 2024 of the delay. The progress report must include proposed actions to deliver planned activities and against revised timeframes.</p>	<p>31 July 2024</p> <p>(please send to nbcsp@health.gov.au)</p>	<p>100% of annual allocation for 2024-25.</p>
	<p>Provision of a final report including at minimum but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a review of progress against the agreed project plan, b) an assessment of the activities undertaken, and the outcomes achieved under this agreement (both measured and observed), and c) an assessment of the impact to patients' access to colonoscopy and outcome reporting d) any lessons learned and how these learnings could support expanded access to direct access colonoscopy 	<p>15 June 2025</p> <p>(please send to nbcsp@health.gov.au)</p>	<p>No payment</p>

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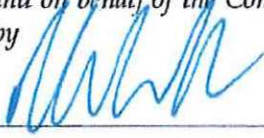
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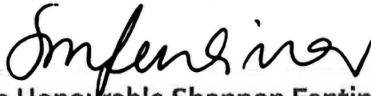
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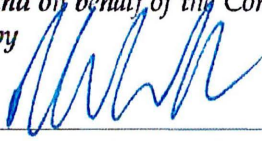
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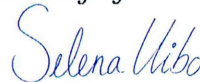
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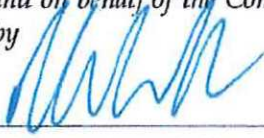
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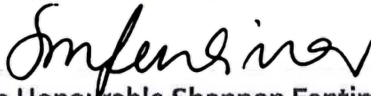
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