

# MAXIMISING MEDICARE BENEFITS SCHEDULE (MBS) PROGRAM

The Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council (AH&MRC) *Maximising Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Program* aims to build capacity of ACCHS to develop systems that link quality practice with the MBS item use.

## WORKSHOPS · RESOURCES TOOLS & TEMPLATES · SUPPORT

### ABOUT

The program intention is to assist ACCHS to generate and use data to drive quality improvement of clinical systems and clinical care. Together with the aim to contribute towards improving health outcomes for Aboriginal peoples and contribute to the sustainability of ACCHS.

Understanding Medicare item rules can be a headache, and health practitioners and ACCHS staff require easy to use, relevant information and tools to assist them to more easily and accurately claim Medicare Item numbers against provided care.

### WHAT SUPPORT IS PROVIDED TO ACCHS?

#### Group based workshops, site visits, and small Chronic Disease Collaborative and CQI projects to develop and implement system improvements on:

- Chronic disease management and allied health MBS Item numbers
- Health assessments and health checks
- Medicare and the roles of nurses and Aboriginal Health Workers
- Practice Incentive Programs and Service Incentive Payments utilisation, feedback and recommendations for improvements

#### Development and distribution of resources, tools and templates

- Practical tools to decrease burden of Medicare claiming process and increase MBS utilisation
- Sharing models of successful ACCHS systems that facilitate effective service provision

#### Communication

- Email and phone support
- Quarterly updates on MBS communicated through various AH&MRC channels
- Re-establishing the Practice Managers Network with a monthly email that highlights resources and training opportunities, Medicare updates and other relevant information to ACCHS sector

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