

VICTORIAN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN Element 3: Increase access to and use of maternal and child health services by Indigenous families (*New Directions – an equal start in life for Indigenous children*)

The National Partnership required the State to allocate funding for the New Directions: Mothers and Babies Services funding commitment to a total of \$4.5 million over the period of the National Partnership. This matched funding was identified from 2008/09 State budget initiatives including; Enhanced Maternal and Child Health (\$2.875m), Supported Playgroups (\$500,000), Aboriginal Best Start (\$600,000), Healthy Mothers and babies (\$525,000).

The Victorian component of Element 3 has been fully implemented in Victoria. Future reporting will be incorporated into the State reporting requirements with services providers as part of their Victorian Service Agreements and reflected in performance measures for the National Partnership with DEECD or DHS.

The following implementation plan reflects only the Victorian component of Element 3. An implementation plan for the remainder of the Element 3 totalling \$4.0 million will be provided by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing

Plan period:

2009-2014

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Service Delivery	Increase the proportion of Indigenous children attending Maternal and Child Health key age and stage visits	Local Government (Maternal and Child Health Services/ Supported playgroups), Community Health Services in partnership with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations	Provide the universal Maternal and Child Health service to all Aboriginal children and an enhanced service where required. Incorporate strategies to increase participation at Maternal and Child Health key age and stage visits in MCH Service improvement plans Establish Aboriginal supported playgroups with linkages to Maternal and Child Health Service	Proportion of Aboriginal births being referred to Enhanced Maternal and Child Health. Participation rates of Aboriginal children in Key Ages and Stages visits	Ongoing	\$4.5 m over the duration of the agreement
Management	Build support of the existing universal platform of Maternal and Child Health		Modify Maternal and Child Health guidelines as necessary and provide education/training to	No of Maternal and Child Health services outreaching to Aboriginal organisations	Ongoing	

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Linkages and Coordination	Build links between Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, Koori Maternity Services, Maternal and Child Health services, Community Health Centres and supported playgroups	Local Government, Community Health Centres Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and DEECD	Revise the Continuity of Care protocol between public maternity and Maternal and Child Health Services. Provide cultural respect training for 96 Maternal and Child Health nurses	Continuity of Care protocol is revised. No. of nurses trained	8-12 months	\$120,000 (from \$4.5 M)
Community Involvement	Increase community engagement in/ with Maternal and Child Health service	Maternal and Child Health Services in partnership with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations	Develop local strategies through MCH service improvement plans	Trends over time	Ongoing	
Data and Reporting	Monitor performance measure	Maternal and Child Health Services	Use existing data system reporting purposes	Trends over time	Ongoing	
Risk Management	None identified					