

Expanding access to cervical screening services

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - HEALTH

Table 1: 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	<p>This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2027.</p>
Purpose	<p>This Schedule supports States and Territories to expand cervical screening services, supporting the delivery of improved access.</p> <p>Activities under this Schedule will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling nurses, First Nations Health Practitioners, and midwives to sign Pathology Request Forms for Cervical Screening Tests • Implementing innovative screening models to reach under screened populations including but not limited to LGBTQIA+, culturally and linguistically diverse people and people with a disability. <p>The National Strategy for the Elimination of Cervical Cancer (Strategy) outlines Australia's commitment to achieving equitable elimination of cervical cancer as a public health problem by 2035 and outlines the objectives and actions needed to achieve this goal.</p> <p>Strategic priority 6 of the Strategy aims to 'Increase access to screening, colposcopy and follow-up by expanding who can offer these services, and where and how they are offered, to improve reach and uptake'. The funding aligns to priority areas 6.1 and 6.4 of the Strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.1: Provide a clear pathway to enable appropriately trained registered nurses, Aboriginal Health Workers, Aboriginal Health Practitioners, and midwives to be able to independently request and sign the pathology form for a Cervical Screening Test (and be eligible for Medicare reimbursement). • 6.4: Resource pilots and, where successful, resource scale-up and routine provision of innovative screening models such as peer- led and community-developed services and telehealth approaches. Work with community-controlled organisations to develop models, scale up successful models, and share best practice approaches. <p>This Schedule includes an assessment of activities undertaken and the outcomes achieved under this agreement.</p>


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<p>Estimated financial contributions</p>	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States and Territories of \$21.8 million in respect of this Schedule.</p> <hr/> <p>Table 1</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="277 338 767 371">(\$)</th> <th data-bbox="767 338 959 371">2024-25</th> <th data-bbox="959 338 1150 371">2025-26</th> <th data-bbox="1150 338 1342 371">2026-27</th> <th data-bbox="1342 338 1493 371">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="277 383 767 416">Estimated total budget</td> <td data-bbox="767 383 959 416">5,524,000</td> <td data-bbox="959 383 1150 416">7,232,000</td> <td data-bbox="1150 383 1342 416">8,996,000</td> <td data-bbox="1342 383 1493 416">21,752,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="277 472 767 506">New South Wales</td> <td data-bbox="767 472 959 506">1,275,564.00</td> <td data-bbox="959 472 1150 506">1,808,938.00</td> <td data-bbox="1150 472 1342 506">2,359,800.00</td> <td data-bbox="1342 472 1493 506">5,444,302.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="277 506 767 539">Victoria</td> <td data-bbox="767 506 959 539">1,104,482.00</td> <td data-bbox="959 506 1150 539">1,544,321.00</td> <td data-bbox="1150 506 1342 539">1,998,580.00</td> <td data-bbox="1342 506 1493 539">4,647,383.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="277 539 767 573">Queensland</td> <td data-bbox="767 539 959 573">936,332.00</td> <td data-bbox="959 539 1150 573">1,284,237.00</td> <td data-bbox="1150 539 1342 573">1,643,549.00</td> <td data-bbox="1342 539 1493 573">3,864,118.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="277 573 767 607">Western Australia</td> <td data-bbox="767 573 959 607">632,643.00</td> <td data-bbox="959 573 1150 607">814,509.00</td> <td data-bbox="1150 573 1342 607">1,002,340.00</td> <td data-bbox="1342 573 1493 607">2,449,492.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="277 607 767 640">South Australia</td> <td data-bbox="767 607 959 640">519,103.00</td> <td data-bbox="959 607 1150 640">638,893.00</td> <td data-bbox="1150 607 1342 640">762,611.00</td> <td data-bbox="1342 607 1493 640">1,920,607.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="277 640 767 674">Tasmania</td> <td data-bbox="767 640 959 674">370,165.00</td> <td data-bbox="959 640 1150 674">408,528.00</td> <td data-bbox="1150 640 1342 674">448,149.00</td> <td data-bbox="1342 640 1493 674">1,226,842.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="277 674 767 707">Australian Capital Territory</td> <td data-bbox="767 674 959 707">355,543.00</td> <td data-bbox="959 674 1150 707">385,911.00</td> <td data-bbox="1150 674 1342 707">417,273.00</td> <td data-bbox="1342 674 1493 707">1,158,727.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="277 707 767 741">Northern Territory</td> <td data-bbox="767 707 959 741">330,168.00</td> <td data-bbox="959 707 1150 741">346,663.00</td> <td data-bbox="1150 707 1342 741">363,698.00</td> <td data-bbox="1342 707 1493 741">1,040,529.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="277 853 767 909">Less estimated National Partnership Payments</td> <td data-bbox="767 853 959 909">5,524,000</td> <td data-bbox="959 853 1150 909">7,232,000</td> <td data-bbox="1150 853 1342 909">8,996,000</td> <td data-bbox="1342 853 1493 909">21,752,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="277 909 767 965">Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td> <td data-bbox="767 909 959 965">0.0</td> <td data-bbox="959 909 1150 965">0.0</td> <td data-bbox="1150 909 1342 965">0.0</td> <td data-bbox="1342 909 1493 965">0.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	(\$)	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Total	Estimated total budget	5,524,000	7,232,000	8,996,000	21,752,000	New South Wales	1,275,564.00	1,808,938.00	2,359,800.00	5,444,302.00	Victoria	1,104,482.00	1,544,321.00	1,998,580.00	4,647,383.00	Queensland	936,332.00	1,284,237.00	1,643,549.00	3,864,118.00	Western Australia	632,643.00	814,509.00	1,002,340.00	2,449,492.00	South Australia	519,103.00	638,893.00	762,611.00	1,920,607.00	Tasmania	370,165.00	408,528.00	448,149.00	1,226,842.00	Australian Capital Territory	355,543.00	385,911.00	417,273.00	1,158,727.00	Northern Territory	330,168.00	346,663.00	363,698.00	1,040,529.00	Less estimated National Partnership Payments	5,524,000	7,232,000	8,996,000	21,752,000	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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<p>Additional terms</p>	<p>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.</p>																																																												
<p>Definitions</p>	<p>Under-screened population:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - women and people with a cervix eligible to participate in the National Cervical Screening Program who have either never had a Cervical Screening Test or are two or more years overdue for their next screen test. <p>Non-medical providers (NMPs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - includes nurses, First Nations Health Practitioners, and midwives <p>Note: The Commonwealth is currently undertaking work to provide clear pathways for NMPs to deliver cervical screening services.</p> <p>National Cervical Screening Program eligible population:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - women and people with a cervix aged between 25 and 74 years <p>First Nations Health Practitioners:</p> <p>The terms First Nations Health Practitioners, Aboriginal Health Practitioners and Aboriginal Health Worker are all within the scope of this FFA.</p>																																																												

Table 2G: Australian Capital Territory – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p>Initiative 1</p> <p>Enable nurses, First Nations Health Practitioners, and midwives to sign Pathology Request Forms for Cervical Screening Tests (CSTs).</p> <p>Initiative 2</p> <p>Implement innovative screening models to reach under screened populations including LGBTQIA+, culturally and linguistically diverse people and people with a disability.</p>	<p>Provision and acceptance of a project plan outlining planned activities and expected timeframes to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) expand the existing training program and number of non-medical providers, to increase cervical screening rates in under screened populations in the ACT b) enhance existing services and develop innovative cervical screening models to reach under screened populations in priority communities in the ACT 	<p>Within 2 months of signing or by 3 June 2025, whichever is the earliest.</p> <p>(please send to NCSPCommittees@health.gov.au)</p>	<p>100% of annual allocation for 2024-25.</p>
	<p>Provision and acceptance of the first 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 15 September 2025 of the delay. The progress report must include proposed actions to deliver planned activities and against revised timeframes.</p>	<p>30 September 2025</p> <p>(please send to NCSPCommittees@health.gov.au)</p>	<p>100% of annual allocation for 2025-26</p>
	<p>Provision and acceptance of the second 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 2026 of the delay. The progress report must include proposed actions to deliver planned activities and against revised timeframes.</p>	<p>31 July 2026</p> <p>(please send to NCSPCommittees@health.gov.au)</p>	<p>100% of annual allocation for 2026-27.</p>
	<p>Provision and acceptance 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) c) an assessment of the impact of project activities on access to screening services and outcome reporting, and d) any lessons learned and how these learnings could support expanded access to screening services. 	<p>15 June 2027</p>	<p>No payment</p>

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth
of Australia by



The Honourable Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Aged Care

7/9/2025

Signed for and on behalf of the Australian
Capital Territory by



Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA
Minister for Health

5/3/2025