

Public Dental Services for Adults 2025-26

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - HEALTH

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule

Parties	Commonwealth and the Northern Territory.		
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2026 or on completion of the initiative, including acceptance of final performance period reporting.		
Purpose	This Schedule will improve access to oral health services by supporting the Northern Territory to deliver dental services to patients eligible for public dental services as per the Northern Territory’s specified eligibility criteria.		
Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the Northern Territory up to [\$1.42m] in respect of this Schedule.		
	Table 1		
	(\$ million)	2025-26	Total
	Estimated total budget	1.42	1.42
	Less estimated National Partnership Payments	1.42	1.42
	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	-	-
Additional terms	<i>Dental Weighted Activity Units</i>		
	<p>Throughput under this Schedule will be measured in terms of Dental Weighted Activity Units (DWAUs), calculated using the Australian Dental Association three-digit item codes and a weighting for those items as set out in Schedule B1.</p> <p>The Northern Territory is required to report to the Commonwealth in the format provided in Schedule B2. Data reported should reflect activity delivered in the specified performance period only and not cumulatively.</p>		

The Northern Territory is permitted to use their own reporting mechanisms or existing performance measures within their jurisdiction.

Performance Benchmarks or Milestones

Performance activity is measured from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

The Parties agree to meet the following performance benchmarks, which will be assessed relative to the 2023 funding activity targets:

- (a) the Northern Territory will maintain their State/Territory funded DWAU activity (baseline) level, as identified in Table 2 in this Schedule;
- (b) over the life of the Schedule, the Northern Territory will provide the Commonwealth Funded DWAU activity (above baseline) level as set out in Table 2 below.

Payments will be paid proportional to the achievement against the performance benchmarks outlined in Table 2, on a pro rata basis, i.e. 100 per cent of funding for achieving 100 per cent of the Commonwealth Funded Activity DWAU Target.

If a performance benchmark is not fully met, the unmet performance benchmark and the remaining available funding tied to the unmet benchmark may be added to a subsequent period, subject to Commonwealth Budget Rules.

DWAU Activity Rollover

DWAUs achieved above 100% of the required activity under the 2023-25 Federation Funding Agreement for Public Dental Services for Adults are eligible under this Schedule.

Relationship to National Health Reform Agreement

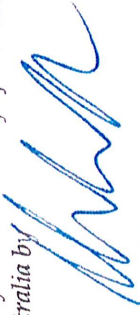
The National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA) provides that the Commonwealth will not fund a service where the same service, or any part of the same service, is otherwise funded by the Commonwealth. The Northern Territory will ensure that any claim for funding under the NHRA is not funding services, or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

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p>Performance Period 1 (PP1) to be measured – 1 April 2025 to 30 September 2025</p>	<p>PP1 State/Territory Funded Activity Target = 3,580.60 PP1 Commonwealth Funded Activity Target = 323.50 Total Activity Target = 3,904.10 2023-25 Rolled over DWAU = 4,468.03</p> <p>Payment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible payment is based on percentage of Commonwealth Funded Activity Target achieved capped at 100%. • If the Total Activity Target is achieved, then maximum PP1 funding for this period can be received. • If the Total Activity Target is not achieved, then roll over DWAU can be accessed if required. <p>Formula for payment:</p> $\text{Maximum PP1 Funding Cap} \times \frac{\text{Commonwealth Funded Activity achieved in PP1 (+ Rolled over DWAU, if required)}}{\text{Commonwealth Funded Activity Target}}$	<p>10/11/2025</p>	<p>Up to \$708,163</p>
<p>Performance Period 2 (PP2) to be measured – 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026</p>	<p>PP2 State/Territory Funded Activity Target = 3,580.60 PP2 Commonwealth Funded Activity Target = 323.50 Total Activity Target = 3,904.10</p> <p>Payment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible payment is based on percentage of Commonwealth Funded Activity Target achieved capped at 100%. • If the Total Activity Target is achieved, then maximum PP2 funding for this period can be received. • If the Total Activity Target is not achieved, then roll over DWAU can be accessed if required. <p>Formula for payment:</p> $\text{Maximum PP2 Funding Cap} \times \frac{\text{Commonwealth Funded Activity achieved in PP2 (+ Rolled over DWAU, if required)}}{\text{Commonwealth Funded Activity Target}}$	<p>10/05/2026</p>	<p>Up to \$708,163</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 Ageing and the Minister for
Disability and the National Disability Insurance
Scheme

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Signed for and on behalf of the
State of the Northern Territory by



The Honourable Steven Edgington MLA

Minister for Health, Minister for Mental Health,
Minister for Alcohol Policy, Minister for Aboriginal
Affairs, Minister for Housing, Local Government and
Community Development, Minister for Essential
Services

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