

## Chronic Disease Management and Prevention Program (CDMPP) Aboriginal Health Worker Strategy

### What is the CDMPP?

The CDMPP is an evidence based program supporting better management of lifestyle related chronic diseases such as Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease, Respiratory Disease, Renal Disease and some Cancers in the general practice settings. The program provides support where there is market failure and targets adults with high risk factors or multiple chronic conditions. The Program directly supports team based care and encompasses three key areas including better access to selected allied health services, Aboriginal health worker and nursing workforce support.

### About the Aboriginal Health Worker Support Program

The CDMPP will support selected practices to increase access to qualified Aboriginal Health Workers (AHW) where there is a demonstrated need and where Aboriginal patients form a significant part of the practice population demographic. As a member of the local practice team, better access to AHW resources will support general practice teams to engage Aboriginal people with chronic disease more effectively in their care.



### Benefits of the program

- Improve quality and cultural safety
- Strengthen Closing the Gap (CTG) outcome measures
- Additional AHW workforce support
- Improved enrolment of patients in planned care under CTG
- Increased cultural knowledge and competency within the local practice clinical team
- Improved systems to support multidisciplinary team based care
- Better linkage to and uptake of ACCHO chronic disease model of care
- Collaboration with other practices as part of the Quality Improvement (QI) program
- Improved practice productivity

### Where to from here?

To find out more about the CDMPP Aboriginal Health Worker Strategy, please contact Denise Gordon, Executive Manager of Clinical Services at the NSW Outback Division of General Practice in Bourke on 02 68 724 777.

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