



The Hon Ken Wyatt AM, MP

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\$27 million for better Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health outcomes

New funding of \$27m for child and maternal health programs and primary health care will help keep Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children healthy and ready to learn when they start school and ensure they are properly immunised.

The Minister for Indigenous Health, Ken Wyatt AM, MP, said the \$27 million would be invested over the next 18 months in *Primary Health Care* services and *New Directions: Mothers and Babies Services* under the *Indigenous Australians' Health Program*.

These services include: comprehensive primary health care; antenatal and postnatal care; information about baby care; assistance with breastfeeding, nutrition and parenting; monitoring developmental milestones, immunisation status and infections; and health checks and referrals for treatment for Indigenous children before starting school.

“These targeted grants will help improve the health and life expectancy, as well as early childhood health and development, of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through better access to effective and high-quality health services,” Mr Wyatt said.

“The health providers will be delivering services in culturally-appropriate ways.

“This is in addition to our 2014-15 Budget announcement of \$54 million over three years to 2018 for an additional 51 *New Directions: Mothers and Babies Services* sites to improve child and maternal health.

“Together, this represents a significant investment in the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.”

The providers who will be delivering the *Primary Health Care* and *New Directions: Mothers and Babies Services* are:

State	Region	Successful applicant/s
NSW	North Coast	Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation – <i>Primary Health Care and New Directions: Mothers and Babies Service</i>

	Hunter New England and Central Coast	<p>Armajun Health Service Aboriginal Corporation – <i>Primary Health Care</i></p> <p>New England North West Health Ltd (HealthWISE New England North West) – <i>Primary Health Care</i></p> <p>Hunter New England Local Health District (Tamworth Nundle Community Health Service) – <i>New Directions: Mothers and Babies Service</i></p>
	Western NSW	Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Limited (Brewarrina AHS) – <i>Primary Health Care</i>
	South Eastern NSW	Grand Pacific Health Limited (Grand Pacific Health NSW) – <i>Primary Health Care</i>
Qld	Western Queensland	Mount Isa Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services Limited (Gidgee Healing) – <i>Primary Health Care and New Directions: Mothers and Babies Service</i>
	Northern Queensland	<p>Queensland Health Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service (Community Health Mossman) – <i>Primary Health Care</i></p> <p>Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Health Service – <i>New Directions: Mothers and Babies Service</i></p> <p>Mulungu Aboriginal Corporation Medical Centre – <i>Primary Health Care</i></p>
Tas	North Western Tasmania	Rural Health Tasmania Inc. – <i>Primary Health Care and New Directions: Mothers and Babies Service</i>
	Southern Tasmania	<p>South East Tasmanian Aboriginal Corporation – <i>New Directions: Mothers and Babies Service</i></p> <p>Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre – <i>Primary Health Care</i></p>
WA	Perth South	<p>Moorditj Koort Aboriginal Corporation – <i>Primary Health Care</i></p> <p>GP Down South Ltd (Down South and Nidjalla Waangan Mia) – <i>Primary Health Care</i></p> <p>Arche Health Limited (Perth South WA) – <i>Primary Health Care</i></p>
	Country WA	<p>WA Country Health Service (Great Southern Aboriginal Health Service and Wheatbelt Aboriginal Health Service) – <i>Primary Health Care</i></p> <p>Boab Health Services Pty Ltd – <i>Primary Health Care</i></p>

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