

## Fact Sheet for GP's

### What is the CCSS PROGRAM?

The Care Coordination Supplementary Services (CCSS) program is an Australian Government initiative to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have a chronic disease to look after their health.

Managing a chronic disease can be difficult - arranging and getting to appointments, taking and understanding medication, understanding the disease and much more.

CCSS will provide the patient with a care coordinator who will work closely with them, you the GP, and Practice Nurse, other community services and allied health professionals required to help them use the range of services that they need. The service of the care coordinator is free.

### Who can be part of this Program?

This Program is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who:

- Are 15 years of age or over;
- Have a chronic disease;
- Have a care plan in place;
- Have a referral from their GP;
- Have signed up for the Practice Incentive Program – Indigenous Health Incentive (PIIHI);
- Are at risk of going to hospital because of their health;
- Are having trouble accessing and using the right services needed for their care; and,
- Are having trouble managing the number of services they need.

### What can the Care Coordinator help with?

The care coordinator is a Registered Nurse who can:

- Help to arrange appointments;
- Help to get the patient to and from appointments;
- Help to arrange the services that the patients need;
- Help them understand and follow their care plan; and,
- Help them understand their chronic disease.

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