



Perth South PHN Activity Work Plan

Medicare Urgent Care Clinics

**Summary View
2023/2024 – 2026/2027**

**Presented to the Australian Government Department of Health
and Aged Care**

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UCC-MUCC 1000 – Medicare Urgent Care Clinic - Rockingham

Activity Title

Medicare Urgent Care Clinic – Rockingham

Activity Number

1000

Activity Status

New Activity

PHN Program Key Priority Area

Population Health

Aim of Activity

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The Medicare UCC policy was developed by the Department of Health and Aged Care to ease the pressure on hospital emergency departments and give Australian families more options to see a suitably qualified and skilled healthcare professional when they have an urgent but not life-threatening need for care. All Medicare UCCs are required to provide bulk-billed services, be open during extended business hours and accept walk-in patients for specified urgent care presentations. This measure delivers on the Department of Health and Aged Care commitment to strengthen Medicare and make it easier to see a doctor as published in the Plan for a Better Future.

Description of Activity

The Department of Health and Aged Care and Western Australian governments have entered into a bilateral agreement, with WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) as designated commissioner, to deliver Medicare Urgent Care Clinics in seven designated WA locations; focused on specified actions that are intended to reduce pressure on emergency departments (ED's).

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was established between WAPHA, WA Department of Health and Health Service Providers (namely Child and Adolescent, East Metropolitan, North Metropolitan, South Metropolitan and WA Country Health Services). The purpose of this MOU is to outline the agreed principles of engagement, participation and working processes between all Parties.

This document provides a formal mechanism by which all Parties will work together to provide more sustainable health outcomes and to align with the systemwide reform intentions. The MOU demonstrates the commitment to improving health care integration across the primary and acute health system in WA.

Activity 1.1: Rockingham Medicare Urgent Care Clinic – operating since 30 June 2023.

The Rockingham Medicare UCC is co-located at the Rockingham Medical and Dental Centre, 18 Civic Boulevard, Rockingham, WA 6168 operating under the For Health corporate group.

Located 4km from Rockingham ED, the Medicare UCC are open from 8am – 8pm, 365 days per year to provide Urgent Care services to the local community.

Data collection

Medicare UCCs will have entered into a data sharing agreement with the Department of Health and Aged Care. De-identified data is shared with the PHN.

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Coverage

Local government areas of Melville and Rockingham of Perth South PHN

Consultation

The PHN consulted with and continues to consult with a variety of stakeholders including:

- Hospital emergency department teams
- WA Department of Health
- WA GP Urgent Care Network
- National Health Service Directory
- Healthdirect

- Department of Health and Aged Care
- Other Australian PHNs commissioning UCCs

Collaboration

- Emergency department teams for the development and implementation of pathways of care.
- WA Department of Health for strategic oversight of the UCC activity.
- Department of Health and Aged Care as funder and for policy and communications resource.
- Perth South Health Service Providers for development of specific UCC models in designated regions.
- Department of Premier and Cabinet for strategic oversight of UCC activity.
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Performance Indicator Description	Target
Reduce pressure on hospital ED presentations at partner hospitals.	100%
Change consumer behaviour over time to use UCCs where available instead of EDs for urgent non-life-threatening conditions.	100%
Establish a partnership with PHNs, Healthdirect, jurisdictions and the health ecosystem, to become an effective coordinated care option for people with urgent non-life-threatening conditions.	100%

Activity Milestone	Due Date
Submit an updated multiyear Activity Work Plan	30 April 2024, 30 April 2025, 30 April 2026
Submit the Needs Assessment	15 November 2024, 15 November 2025
Submit Twelve-month performance reports	30 September 2024, 30 September 2025, 30 September 2026
Submit Twelve month audited income and expenditure statements	30 September 2024, 30 September 2025, 30 September 2026
Final performance report	30 September 2026

Activity Start Date

Activity End Date

1 June 2023	30 June 2026
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Activity Planned Expenditure

Funding Stream	FY 23 24	FY 24 25	FY 25 26
Medicare Urgent Care Clinics	\$2,676,853.00	\$1,806,197.00	\$1,806,197.00

UCC-MCC 1010 – Medicare Urgent Care Clinic - Beeliar

Activity Title

Urgent Care Clinic – Beeliar

Activity Number

1010

Activity Status

New Activity

PHN Program Key Priority Area

Population Health

Aim of Activity

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Activity 1.2: Beeliar Medicare Urgent Care Clinic - operating since 15 November 2023.

The Beeliar Medicare UCC is co-located at Lagoon Medical Centre, 1/283 Beeliar Drive, Yangebup, WA 6164. The clinic is owner operated with a team of Directors involved in the delivery of the Urgent Care clinic.

Located 12km from Fiona Stanley Hospital ED, the Medicare UCC is open from 7am-9pm weekdays and 8.00am-6pm weekends and public holidays to provide Urgent Care services to the local community.

Data collection

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Coverage

City of Cockburn local government area within Perth South PHN

Consultation

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- Hospital emergency department teams
- WA Department of Health
- WA GP Urgent Care network
- National Health Service Directory

- Healthdirect
- Department of Health and Aged Care
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- Practice teams (clinical and administrative) for design, delivery, monitoring and evaluation of UCCs.

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Multiyear Activity Work Plan	30 April 2024, 30 April 2025, 30 April 2026
Annual Needs Assessment	15 November 2024, 15 November 2025
Twelve-month performance reports	30 September 2024, 30 September 2025, 30 September 2026
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Final performance report	30 September 2026

Activity Start Date

Activity End Date

1 June 2023

30 June 2026

Activity Planned Expenditure

Funding Stream	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
Medicare Urgent Care Clinics	\$2,883,876.00	\$2,270,862.00	\$2,270,862.00

UCC-PSF 1000 – PHN Support Funding

Activity Title

PHN Support Funding

Activity Number

1000

Activity Status

New Activity

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Population Health

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Description of Activity

PHN support to the Beeliar Urgent Care Clinic will include:

- Support close co-operation between Beeliar Medicare UCC, primary health care services, Fiona Stanley Hospital emergency department and the local health system.

- Engage local stakeholders in feasibility and sustainability discussions of UCCs in specific regional locations where issues of workforce shortage and lack of supporting services will require innovative solutions.
- Establish and maintain a collaborative working group aimed at enhancing and strengthening integrated care pathways between Beeliar UCC and Fiona Stanley Hospital.
- Monitor and respond to risks, clinical incidents, and complaints.
- Support communication activities to increase community awareness and understanding of the availability of services and conditions that are appropriate to be managed within a Medicare UCC.

PHN support to the Rockingham Medicare Urgent Care Clinic will include:

- Support close co-operation between Rockingham Medicare UCC and primary health care services, Rockingham General Hospital emergency department and the local health system.
- Engage local stakeholders in feasibility and sustainability discussions of UCCs in specific regional locations where issues of workforce shortage and lack of supporting services will require innovative solutions.
- Establish and maintain a collaborative working group aimed at enhancing and strengthening integrated care pathways between Rockingham UCC and Rockingham General Hospital.
- Support communication activities to increase community awareness and understanding of the availability of services and conditions that are appropriate to be managed within a Medicare UCC.

In addition, the PHN will:

- Support the uptake of any required training by Medicare UCC staff and the delivery of training where appropriate.
- Ensure the Medicare UCC adheres to the UCC Data Sharing Agreement, UCC Privacy Policy and the UCC Patient Consent Form (supplied separately) and provide clinics with support to complete new data fields where required.
- Support and participate in relevant local and national Medicare UCC governance arrangements and where required, the Commonwealth-led evaluation of Medicare UCCs.
- Support clinics to understand operational requirements as outlined in the UCC Operational Guidance (Annexure E – Medicare UCC Funding Schedule) where appropriate.
- Provide, in consultation with the relevant Medicare UCC contract manager, Commonwealth funding to the clinics where there is a justifiable need for high-cost specialist equipment and, for example, where the Medicare UCC provider cannot secure a separate agreement with a radiology or pathology provider, in

line with the allocations as specified within the Medicare UCC Funding Schedule (Annexure D).

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Coverage

City of Cockburn, Melville and Rockingham local government areas within Perth South PHN.

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Activity Planned Expenditure

Funding Stream	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
PHN Support Funding	\$120,218.94	\$187,945.73	\$187,945.72

UCC-SE 1000 – Specialist Equipment

Activity Title

Specialist Equipment

Activity Number

1000

Activity Status

New Activity

PHN Program Key Priority Area

Population Health

Aim of Activity

Medicare Urgent Care clinics may be provided with funding, in consultation with the relevant Medicare UCC contract manager, where there is a justifiable need for high-cost specialist equipment and, for example, where the Medicare UCC provider cannot secure a separate agreement with an external provider, in line with the allocations as specified within the Medicare UCC Funding Schedule.

Description of Activity

Applications to access specialist equipment funding will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Where a UCC is considered to meet the criteria to access funding, they must submit three competitive quotes for the equipment.

No requests have been received from Medicare UCCs located in Perth South PHN.

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Funding Stream	FY 22 23	FY 23 24	FY 24 25
Specialist Equipment	\$547,959.90	\$0.00	\$0.00

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