

ELIGIBILITY TO ACCESS HEALTH CARE & RELATED SERVICES

i SCMSAC is primarily funded to provide culturally appropriate primary health care services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Under federal and anti-discrimination laws, SCMSAC may legally decline to provide services to non-Indigenous persons. Despite this, there are some circumstances in which SCMSAC may provide services to non-Aboriginal and/or non-Torres Strait Islander people. These are outlined in the table below.

		General Practitioner	Dental ¹	Chronic Care Support (ITC)	Wellbeing Programs & Services	Allied Health <i>e.g. psychology, podiatry, optometry</i>	Transport Services
ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER	Adult (<i>over 18 years</i>) with Confirmation of Aboriginality (COA) ²	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Child/Young person (<i>under 18 years</i>) of parent with COA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NON-INDIGENOUS	Spouse ³ of a current ⁴ Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander patient	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Parent/Carer of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander child	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
PROGRAM SPECIFIC	Current child/young person in SCMSAC's Out of Home Care program	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Current client in SCMSAC's Family Preservation program	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Current SCMSAC employee	✓	✓		✓	✓	
	Current Oolong House client	✓					

1. Dental patients must be a current patient (see note 4 below).

2. A Confirmation of Aboriginality (COA), duly issued by an Incorporated Aboriginal Organisation, must be provided by the patient, or verified in writing by the Aboriginal Organisation, and a copy saved to the patient's file. Persons who identify, but do not have COA, may be granted access to services on a case by case basis, at the discretion of the CEO or Executive Officer HWB.

3. Spouse includes a person (of any sex) who lives with the patient on a genuine domestic basis in a relationship, as a couple. Evidence of a shared address is required.

4. A patient is current if they have consulted a SCMSAC General Practitioner within the last 2 years.

NOTE: These guidelines apply to all new patient registrations from **20 August 2020**, and do not affect existing current patients.