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1. Overview

1.1 Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

The Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (Pricing Authority) is established under the *National Health Reform Act 2011* (Cwlth) (the Act), and by virtue of section 131(1) of the Act, with the following functions relevant to the National Efficient Cost Determination 2020–21 (Determination):

- (a) to determine the national efficient cost for health care services provided by public hospitals where the services are block funded
- (b) to develop and specify classification systems for health care and other services provided by public hospitals
- (c) except where otherwise agreed between the Commonwealth and a state or territory – to determine the public hospital functions that are to be funded in the state or territory by the Commonwealth.

In this document, 'Pricing Authority' refers to the governing members and 'IHPA' refers to the agency.

1.2 Data quality

In making this Determination, the Pricing Authority has relied on the Local Hospital Networks/ Public hospital establishments National Minimum Data Set, the National Hospital Cost Data Collection (NHCDC) and the following National Minimum Data Sets (NMDS) and National Best Endeavours Data Sets (NBEDS) to determine the key parameters of the model:

- Admitted patient care NMDS
- Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS
- Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS
- Emergency service care NBEDS
- Non-admitted patient NBEDS
- Non-admitted patient care aggregate NBEDS.

The Pricing Authority has determined that the data are adequate to carry out its functions under the Act in 2020–21.

1.3 Determination development

In June 2017, Australian governments signed an Addendum to the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA), which sets out public hospital financing arrangements until 1 July 2020, with a new agreement still in negotiation.

This Determination has been prepared in anticipation that the fundamental elements of the Addendum will form the basis of a new or rolling agreement for the 2020–21 financial year.

1.4 Terminology

Although the Pricing Authority aims to use plain English to make its documents accessible to a wide audience, the subject matter of this Determination requires the use of some specialist terms. For ease of reference, the meaning of those terms is set out in a [glossary](#) available on the IHPA website.

2. Block-funding criteria

Clauses A27 and A28 of the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA) detail the process that the Pricing Authority is required to follow to determine the criteria for block-funded hospitals:

- a. IHPA, in consultation with jurisdictions, develops block-funding criteria and identifies whether hospital services and functions are eligible for block funding only or mixed activity based funding (ABF) and block funding.
- b. States and territories, during the consultation period, assess their hospital functions and services against the block-funding criteria and, if necessary, provide advice to IHPA on the potential impact of the criteria.
- c. IHPA provides the block-funding criteria to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) for endorsement.
- d. COAG considers the block-funding criteria proposed by IHPA and either:
 - i. endorses the recommendation; or
 - ii. requests IHPA to refine the block-funding criteria and bring it back to COAG.

States and territories provide advice to IHPA on how their hospital services and functions meet the block-funding criteria on an annual basis. For small rural and small regional hospitals, this advice can be provided once every six years, or more frequently at the discretion of the state or territory.

The Pricing Authority provided the following draft block-funding criteria to COAG for consideration.

Public hospitals, or public hospital services, will be eligible for block grant funding if:

- the technical requirements for applying ABF are not able to be satisfied; or
- there is an absence of economies of scale that mean some services would not be financially viable under ABF.

IHPA has also determined 'low-volume' thresholds that form part of the draft block-funding criteria for use in 2020–21. Under these thresholds, hospitals are eligible for block funding if:

- they are in a metropolitan area (defined as 'major city' in the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS)) and they provide $\leq 1,800$ acute inpatient national weighted activity units (NWAU) per annum; or
- they are in a rural area (defined as all remaining areas, including 'inner regional', 'outer regional', 'remote' and 'very remote' in the ASGS) and they provide $\leq 3,500$ total NWAU per annum.

Without pre-empting the decision of COAG, IHPA has applied these criteria in making this Determination.

States and territories have provided IHPA with a list of hospitals they consider eligible for block funding in 2020–21.

IHPA has determined their eligibility using the annual total NWAU, calculated using the IHPA dataset specifications in the IHPA Three Year Data Plan. These hospitals are listed at **Appendix A**.

3. National efficient cost for small rural public hospitals

3.1 National efficient cost

The Pricing Authority has determined the efficient cost of a small rural hospital to be the sum of the fixed cost component and the variable cost component.

The fixed component is determined as:

- \$2.040 million for hospitals with an annual national weighted activity unit (NWAU(19)) less than or equal to 176.
- \$2.040 million less 0.029 per cent per-NWAU(19) for hospitals with an annual NWAU(19) greater than 176, with an additional loading of 39.1 per cent for 'very remote' hospitals. This is determined using the fixed cost base calculated for 2017–18 of \$1.793 million indexed at 4.4 per cent per annum.

The variable component of the efficient cost is determined as \$5,687 per-NWAU(19) for hospitals with an annual NWAU(19) greater than 176. This is determined using the National Efficient Price 2020–21 reference cost for 2017–18 of \$4,998 indexed at 4.4 per cent per annum.

3.2 Efficient cost for other hospitals

Other block-funded hospitals, treated separately from the 'variable and fixed' cost model, are defined as:

- standalone hospitals providing specialist mental health services (for example, psychiatric hospitals)
- standalone major city hospitals providing specialist services (for example, mothercraft, dental and dialysis)
- other standalone hospitals.

The Pricing Authority has determined that for 2020–21, the efficient cost of these hospitals will be determined in consultation with the relevant state or territory with reference to their total in-scope reported expenditure in the Local Hospital Networks/Public hospital establishments national minimum data set in 2017–18. These standalone hospitals are listed at **Appendices B to D**.

4. Safety and quality

4.1 Sentinel events

In accordance with a ministerial direction issued to IHPA on 16 February 2017 under section 226 of the Act and consistent with the Addendum to the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA) signed by First Ministers in June 2017, any episodes in block-funded public hospitals that include a sentinel event will not be funded.

Definition

Sentinel events are a subset of adverse events that result in death or serious harm to patients.

In 2017, the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission) undertook a review of the Australian sentinel events list on behalf of the states, territories and the Commonwealth. The updated Australian sentinel events list (Version 2.0) was endorsed by Australian health ministers in December 2018.

Version 2.0 of the Australian sentinel events list will be used for pricing in 2020–21. Version 2.0 of the Australian sentinel events list, including further information on its development and specifications are available on the [Commission's website](#).

States and territories will be required to report these events to IHPA and the Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool. The deduction to block-funding amounts will be calculated by multiplying the National Efficient Price 2020–21 by the national weighted activity unit (NWAU) 2020–21 for each episode.

4.2 Hospital acquired complications

The Addendum to the NHRA requires IHPA to develop 'a comprehensive and risk-adjusted model to integrate quality and safety into hospital pricing and funding' for a set of agreed hospital acquired conditions.

Definition

Hospital acquired complications (HACs) are complications which occur during a hospital stay and for which clinical risk mitigation strategies may reduce (but not necessarily eliminate) the risk of that complication occurring.

The list of HACs was determined by a joint working group of the Commission and IHPA.

The HACs are:

- Pressure injury
- Falls resulting in fracture or intracranial injury
- Healthcare-associated infection
- Surgical complications requiring unplanned return to theatre
- Unplanned intensive care unit admission¹

¹ No funding adjustment for 'Unplanned intensive care unit admission' will be applied in 2020–21 as it cannot be identified in current datasets.

- Respiratory complications
- Venous thromboembolism
- Renal failure
- Gastrointestinal bleeding
- Medication complications
- Delirium
- Persistent incontinence
- Malnutrition
- Cardiac complications
- Third and fourth degree perineal laceration during delivery²
- Neonatal birth trauma³

Further information on the HAC list, including diagnosis codes used to identify each HAC, is available on the [Commission's website](#).

The funding adjustment for HACs has been risk adjusted to take account of the increased predisposition of some patients to experience a HAC during their hospital stay and adjusts the reduction in funding accordingly.

The HAC adjustment is incorporated into the NWAU calculation used for the national efficient cost. The National Efficient Cost Determination 2020–21 uses NWAU(19) calculations.

Further information on the risk adjustment model for HACs, including the risk factors for each group, is contained in the [National Pricing Model Technical Specifications](#) on the IHPA website.

² No funding adjustment for 'Third and fourth degree perineal laceration during delivery' was applied in NWAU(19) calculations.

³ No funding adjustment for 'Neonatal birth trauma' will be applied in 2020–21 on the advice of the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care.

5. National pricing model specifications

5.1 Technical specifications

The detailed National Pricing Model Technical Specifications are available on the [IHPA website](#).

6. Block-funded services

In 2020–21, the Pricing Authority has determined that the following services in activity based funding (ABF) hospitals are eligible for block funding as the technical requirements for applying ABF are not able to be satisfied:

- Teaching, training and research
- Non-admitted mental health services (excluding child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS))
- Non-admitted CAMHS
- Non-admitted home ventilation services (as defined by Tier 2 Version 5.0 Non-Admitted Services class 10.19)
- A17 List⁴ services not otherwise priced
- Other public hospital programs.⁵

The efficient cost of these services has been determined for 2020–21 on the advice of states and territories and is detailed in Table 1.

Table 1: Block-funded services

| State/ territory | Teaching, training and research | Non-admitted mental health (excl. CAMHS) | Non-admitted CAMHS | Non-admitted home ventilation | A17 List | Other public hospital programs |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| NSW | \$675,276,073 | \$619,158,800 | N/A | \$20,734,086 | N/A | N/A |
| Vic | \$346,151,435 | \$793,683,348 | \$98,679,852 | \$11,046,836 | \$21,599 | \$275,188,869 |
| Qld | \$386,502,522 | \$516,404,807 | \$168,831,552 | \$16,696,053 | \$7,738,375 | N/A |
| SA | \$116,981,000 | \$130,874,000 | \$32,378,000 | \$2,542,000 | \$6,883,000 | N/A |
| WA | \$289,750,118 | \$285,089,193 | \$64,198,131 | \$13,328,360 | N/A | N/A |
| Tas | \$46,228,755 | \$49,790,241 | \$11,197,616 | \$2,702,733 | N/A | N/A |
| NT | \$30,122,532 | \$28,942,812 | \$4,269,960 | \$83,520 | N/A | N/A |
| ACT | \$54,894,963 | \$47,505,120 | \$10,233,230 | \$1,382,220 | N/A | N/A |

⁴ Under Clause A17 of the National Health Reform Agreement, IHPA has determined a list of services (the 'A17 List') which IHPA is satisfied were provided by a particular hospital in 2010. These services are eligible for Commonwealth funding at the local hospital network indicated in the list at **Appendix A** of the *National Efficient Price Determination 2020–21*.

⁵ Programs as approved by the Pricing Authority for inclusion on the *General List of In-Scope Public Hospital Services 2020–21*.

6.1 Funding arrangements for chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy

In July 2019, the Commonwealth, New South Wales and Victoria agreed funding arrangements for the provision of CAR-T therapy (Kymriah®) to treat acute lymphoblastic leukaemia in children and young adults.

The Commonwealth agreed to block-fund the cost of the treatment for a period of two years commencing in 2019–20 due to the high cost and potential variation in resource utilisation. The activity and associated NWAU will be excluded from the 6.5 per cent cap in overall growth calculation for 2019–20 and 2020–21.

The actual number of patients treated and associated costs will be reconciled by the Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool at the end of the 2020–21 funding period.

The indicative costs have been determined for 2020–21 on the advice of states and territories and are detailed in Table 2.

Table 2: Block-funded amounts for CAR-T therapy (Kymriah®)

| State/territory | CAR-T therapy (Kymriah®) amounts |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| NSW | \$18,050,213 |
| Vic | \$10,275,000 |

7. Back-casting

The following back-casting multipliers are for use by the Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool as the base for calculating the growth in Commonwealth funding under the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA) between 2019–20 and 2020–21.

These multipliers take account of changes in the methodology used to determine the national efficient cost between years and to account for the addition and removal of block-funded services as required by the NHRA.

The Pricing Authority has determined the back-cast National Efficient Cost 2019–20, for the purpose of estimating Commonwealth growth funding estimated between 2019–20 and 2020–21, is the sum of the fixed component and the variable component.

The fixed component is determined as:

- \$1.954 million for hospitals with an annual NWAU(19) less than or equal to 176
- \$1.954 million less 0.029 per cent per-NWAU(19) for hospitals with an annual NWAU(19) greater than 176, with an additional loading of 39.1 per cent for ‘very remote’ hospitals.

The variable component of the efficient cost is determined as \$5,448 per-NWAU(19) for hospitals with an annual NWAU(19) greater than 176.

Table 3: Block funded back-casting multipliers by jurisdictions in 2020–21

| State/territory | Small rural hospital | Teaching, training and research | Non-admitted mental health (excl. CAMHS) | Non-admitted CAMHS | Non-admitted home ventilation | A17 List | Other public hospital programs |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| NSW | 1.0190 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | N/A | 1.0000 | N/A | N/A |
| Vic | 1.0105 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |
| Qld | 1.0372 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | N/A |
| SA | 1.0195 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | N/A |
| WA | 1.1166 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | N/A | 1.0000 | N/A | N/A |
| Tas | 1.1457 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | N/A | N/A |
| NT | N/A | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | N/A | N/A |
| ACT | N/A | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | N/A | N/A |

7.1 Specific back-casting advice

IHPA will work with the Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool and relevant jurisdictions to determine whether a back-casting approach to any of the block-funded amounts specified in Table 1 is required. A final decision will be included in the Supplementary National Efficient Cost Determination 2020–21.

Appendices

Appendix A Block-funded small rural hospitals

Table 4: Block-funded small rural hospitals in 2020–21

| State/territory | Hospital name | Australian Statistical Geography Standard region |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| NSW | Balranald Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Baradine Multi Purpose Service | Remote |
| NSW | Barham Koondrook | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Barraba Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Batlow-Adelong Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Bellinger River | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Berrigan Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Bingara Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Blayney Multi Purpose Service | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Boggabri Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Bombala Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Bonalbo | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Boorowa Multi Purpose Service | Inner Regional |

| State/territory | Hospital name | Australian Statistical Geography Standard region |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|--|
| NSW | Bourke Multi Purpose Service | Remote |
| NSW | Braidwood Multi Purpose Service | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Brewarrina Multi Purpose Service | Very Remote |
| NSW | Bulahdelah - Myall Lakes | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Campbell Coraki | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Canowindra | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Cobar | Remote |
| NSW | Collarenebri Multi Purpose Service | Remote |
| NSW | Condobolin | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Coolah Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Coolamon Multi Purpose Service | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Coonabarabran | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Coonamble Multi Purpose Service | Remote |
| NSW | Cootamundra | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Corowa Multi Purpose Service | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Crookwell | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Culcairn Multi Purpose Service | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Delegate Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |

| State/territory | Hospital name | Australian Statistical Geography Standard region |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|--|
| NSW | Denman Multi Purpose Service | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Dorrigo Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Dunedoo Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Dungog | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Eugowra Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Finley | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Gilgandra Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Glen Innes | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Gloucester | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Goodooga | Very Remote |
| NSW | Gower Wilson Multi Purpose Service | Very Remote |
| NSW | Grenfell Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Gulargambone Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Gulgong Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Gundagai Multi Purpose Service | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Gunnedah | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Guyra Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Hay | Outer Regional |

| State/territory | Hospital name | Australian Statistical Geography Standard region |
|-----------------|---|--|
| NSW | Henty Multi Purpose Service | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Hillston Multi Purpose Service | Remote |
| NSW | Holbrook Multi Purpose Service | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Ivanhoe Health Service | Very Remote |
| NSW | Jerilderie Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Junee Multi Purpose Service | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Kiama | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Kyogle Multi Purpose Service | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Lake Cargelligo Multi Purpose Service | Remote |
| NSW | Leeton | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Lightning Ridge Multi Purpose Service | Remote |
| NSW | Lockhart Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Manilla Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Menindee Health Service | Very Remote |
| NSW | Merriwa Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Milton and Ulladulla | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Molong | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Murrumburrah-Harden Multi Purpose Service | Inner Regional |

| State/territory | Hospital name | Australian Statistical Geography Standard region |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|--|
| NSW | Murrurundi | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Narrabri | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Narrandera | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Narromine | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Nimbin Multi Purpose Service | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Nyngan Multi Purpose Service | Remote |
| NSW | Oberon Multi Purpose Service | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Pambula | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Peak Hill | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Portland | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Prince Albert Tenterfield | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Quirindi | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Riverlands Drug and Alcohol Centre | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Rylstone Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Scott Memorial Scone | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Temora | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Tibooburra Health Service | Very Remote |
| NSW | Tingha Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |

| State/territory | Hospital name | Australian Statistical Geography Standard region |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| NSW | Tocumwal | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Tomaree Community | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Tottenham Multi Purpose Service | Remote |
| NSW | Trangie Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Trundle Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Tullamore Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Tumbarumba Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Tumut | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Urana Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Urbenville Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Vegetable Creek Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Walcha Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Walgett Multi Purpose Service | Remote |
| NSW | Warialda Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Warren Multi Purpose Service | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Wauchope | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Wee Waa | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Wellington | Outer Regional |

| State/territory | Hospital name | Australian Statistical Geography Standard region |
|-----------------|--|--|
| NSW | Wentworth | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Werris Creek Multi Purpose Service | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Wilcannia Multi Purpose Service | Very Remote |
| NSW | Wingham | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Wyalong | Outer Regional |
| NSW | Yass | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Young | Inner Regional |
| Vic | Alexandra District Hospital | Inner Regional |
| Vic | Alpine Health (Bright) | Outer Regional |
| Vic | Alpine Health (Mount Beauty) | Inner Regional |
| Vic | Alpine Health (Myrtleford) | Inner Regional |
| Vic | Beaufort and Skipton Health Service (Beaufort) | Inner Regional |
| Vic | Beaufort and Skipton Health Service (Skipton) | Inner Regional |
| Vic | Beechworth Health Service | Inner Regional |
| Vic | Boort District Health | Outer Regional |
| Vic | Casterton Memorial Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Vic | Cobram District Hospital | Inner Regional |
| Vic | Cohuna District Hospital | Outer Regional |

| State/territory | Hospital name | Australian Statistical Geography Standard region |
|-----------------|---|--|
| Vic | Creswick District Hospital | Inner Regional |
| Vic | Daylesford District Hospital | Inner Regional |
| Vic | East Wimmera Health Service (Birchip) | Outer Regional |
| Vic | East Wimmera Health Service (Charlton) | Outer Regional |
| Vic | East Wimmera Health Service (Donald) | Outer Regional |
| Vic | East Wimmera Health Service (St Arnaud) | Outer Regional |
| Vic | East Wimmera Health Service (Wycheproof) | Outer Regional |
| Vic | Edenhope and District Memorial Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Vic | Heathcote Health | Inner Regional |
| Vic | Hesse Rural Health Service (Winchelsea) | Inner Regional |
| Vic | Heywood Rural Health | Outer Regional |
| Vic | Inglewood and District Health Service | Inner Regional |
| Vic | Kerang District Health | Outer Regional |
| Vic | Kooweerup Regional Health Service | Inner Regional |
| Vic | Kyneton District Health Service | Inner Regional |
| Vic | Lorne Community Hospital | Inner Regional |
| Vic | Maldon Hospital | Inner Regional |
| Vic | Mallee Track Health and Community Service (Ouyen) | Outer Regional |

| State/territory | Hospital name | Australian Statistical Geography Standard region |
|-----------------|--|--|
| Vic | Mallee Track Health and Community Service (Sea Lake) | Outer Regional |
| Vic | Manangatang and District Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Vic | Mansfield District Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Vic | Moyne Health Services (Port Fairy) | Inner Regional |
| Vic | Nathalia District Hospital | Inner Regional |
| Vic | Numurkah and District Health Service | Inner Regional |
| Vic | Omeo District Health | Outer Regional |
| Vic | Orbost Regional Health | Outer Regional |
| Vic | Otway Health (Apollo Bay) | Inner Regional |
| Vic | Robinvale District Health Services | Outer Regional |
| Vic | Rochester and Elmore District Health Service | Inner Regional |
| Vic | Rural Northwest Health (Hopetoun) | Outer Regional |
| Vic | Rural Northwest Health (Warracknabeal) | Outer Regional |
| Vic | Seymour District Memorial Hospital | Inner Regional |
| Vic | South Gippsland Hospital (Foster) | Inner Regional |
| Vic | Tallangatta Health Service | Outer Regional |
| Vic | Terang and Mortlake Health Service (Terang) | Inner Regional |
| Vic | The Kilmore and District Hospital | Inner Regional |

| State/territory | Hospital name | Australian Statistical Geography Standard region |
|-----------------|---|--|
| Vic | Timboon and District Healthcare Service | Outer Regional |
| Vic | Upper Murray Health and Community Services (Corryong) | Outer Regional |
| Vic | West Wimmera Health Service (Dunmunkle) | Outer Regional |
| Vic | West Wimmera Health Service (Jeparit) | Outer Regional |
| Vic | West Wimmera Health Service (Kaniva) | Outer Regional |
| Vic | West Wimmera Health Service (Nhill) | Outer Regional |
| Vic | West Wimmera Health Service (Rainbow) | Remote |
| Vic | Western District Health Service (Coleraine District Health Service) | Outer Regional |
| Vic | Yarram and District Health Service | Inner Regional |
| Vic | Yarrawonga District Health Service | Inner Regional |
| Vic | Yea and District Memorial Hospital | Inner Regional |
| Qld | Alpha Hospital | Very Remote |
| Qld | Augathella Hospital | Very Remote |
| Qld | Ayr Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Babinda Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Bamaga Hospital | Very Remote |
| Qld | Baralaba Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Barcaldine Hospital | Very Remote |

| State/territory | Hospital name | Australian Statistical Geography Standard region |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--|
| Qld | Biggenden Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Biloela Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Blackall Hospital | Very Remote |
| Qld | Blackwater Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Boonah Hospital | Inner Regional |
| Qld | Bowen Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Charleville Hospital | Very Remote |
| Qld | Charters Towers Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Cherbourg Hospital | Inner Regional |
| Qld | Childers Hospital | Inner Regional |
| Qld | Chinchilla Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Clermont Hospital | Remote |
| Qld | Cloncurry Hospital | Remote |
| Qld | Collinsville Hospital | Remote |
| Qld | Cooktown Hospital | Remote |
| Qld | Cunnamulla Hospital | Very Remote |
| Qld | Dirranbandi Hospital | Very Remote |
| Qld | Doomadgee Hospital | Very Remote |

| State/territory | Hospital name | Australian Statistical Geography Standard region |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Qld | Dysart Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Eidsvold Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Esk Hospital | Inner Regional |
| Qld | Gatton Hospital | Inner Regional |
| Qld | Gayndah Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Gin Gin Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Goondiwindi Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Gordonvale Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Herberton Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Home Hill Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Hughenden Hospital | Very Remote |
| Qld | Ingham Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Inglewood Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Injune Hospital | Remote |
| Qld | Jandowae Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Joyce Palmer Health Service | Remote |
| Qld | Julia Creek Hospital | Very Remote |
| Qld | Kilcoy Hospital | Inner Regional |

| State/territory | Hospital name | Australian Statistical Geography Standard region |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--|
| Qld | Laidley Hospital | Inner Regional |
| Qld | Longreach Hospital | Very Remote |
| Qld | Maleny Hospital | Inner Regional |
| Qld | Miles Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Millmerran Hospital | Inner Regional |
| Qld | Mitchell Hospital | Very Remote |
| Qld | Monto Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Moranbah Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Mornington Island Hospital | Very Remote |
| Qld | Mossman Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Mount Morgan Hospital | Inner Regional |
| Qld | Moura Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Mundubbera Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Mungindi Hospital | Remote |
| Qld | Murgon Hospital | Inner Regional |
| Qld | Nanango Hospital | Inner Regional |
| Qld | Normanton Hospital | Very Remote |
| Qld | Oakey Hospital | Inner Regional |

| State/territory | Hospital name | Australian Statistical Geography Standard region |
|-----------------|--|--|
| Qld | Quilpie Hospital | Very Remote |
| Qld | Richmond Hospital | Very Remote |
| Qld | Sarina Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Springsure Hospital | Remote |
| Qld | St George Hospital | Remote |
| Qld | Stanthorpe Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Surat Hospital | Remote |
| Qld | Tara Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Taroom Hospital | Remote |
| Qld | Texas Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Theodore Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Tully Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Weipa Hospital | Very Remote |
| Qld | Winton Hospital | Very Remote |
| Qld | Wondai Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Woorabinda Hospital | Remote |
| SA | Angaston District Hospital | Inner Regional |
| SA | Balaklava Soldier's Memorial District Hospital | Inner Regional |

| State/territory | Hospital name | Australian Statistical Geography Standard region |
|-----------------|---|--|
| SA | Barmera Health Service | Outer Regional |
| SA | Booleroo Centre District Hospital and Health Services | Outer Regional |
| SA | Bordertown Memorial Hospital | Outer Regional |
| SA | Burra Hospital | Outer Regional |
| SA | Ceduna District Health Service | Very Remote |
| SA | Central Yorke Peninsula Hospital (Maitland) | Outer Regional |
| SA | Clare Hospital | Inner Regional |
| SA | Cleve District Hospital and Aged Care | Remote |
| SA | Coober Pedy Hospital and Health Service | Very Remote |
| SA | Cowell District Hospital and Aged Care | Remote |
| SA | Crystal Brook and District Hospital | Outer Regional |
| SA | Cummins and District Memorial Hospital | Remote |
| SA | Elliston Hospital | Very Remote |
| SA | Eudunda Hospital | Inner Regional |
| SA | Gumeracha District Soldiers' Memorial Hospital | Inner Regional |
| SA | Hawker Memorial Hospital | Outer Regional |
| SA | Jamestown Hospital and Health Service | Outer Regional |
| SA | Kangaroo Island Health Service | Remote |

| State/territory | Hospital name | Australian Statistical Geography Standard region |
|-----------------|--|--|
| SA | Kapunda Hospital | Inner Regional |
| SA | Karoonda and District Soldiers' Memorial Hospital | Outer Regional |
| SA | Kimba District Hospital and Aged Care | Remote |
| SA | Kingston Soldiers' Memorial Hospital | Outer Regional |
| SA | Lameroo District Health Service | Remote |
| SA | Laura and District Hospital | Outer Regional |
| SA | Loxton Hospital Complex | Outer Regional |
| SA | Mannum District Hospital | Inner Regional |
| SA | Meningie and Districts Memorial Hospital and Health Services | Outer Regional |
| SA | Millicent and Districts Hospital and Health Service | Outer Regional |
| SA | Mount Pleasant District Hospital | Inner Regional |
| SA | Naracoorte Health Service | Outer Regional |
| SA | Northern Yorke Peninsula Health Service (Wallaroo) | Outer Regional |
| SA | Orroroo and District Health Service | Outer Regional |
| SA | Penola War Memorial Hospital | Outer Regional |
| SA | Peterborough Soldiers' Memorial Hospital | Outer Regional |
| SA | Pinnaroo Soldiers' Memorial Hospital | Remote |
| SA | Port Broughton and District Hospital and Health Service | Outer Regional |

| State/territory | Hospital name | Australian Statistical Geography Standard region |
|-----------------|--|--|
| SA | Quorn Health Service | Outer Regional |
| SA | Renmark Paringa District Hospital | Outer Regional |
| SA | Riverton District Soldiers' Memorial Hospital | Inner Regional |
| SA | Roxby Downs Health Service | Remote |
| SA | Snowtown Hospital and Health Service | Outer Regional |
| SA | Southern Yorke Peninsula Health Service (Yorke town) | Remote |
| SA | Strathalbyn and District Health Service | Inner Regional |
| SA | Streaky Bay Hospital | Remote |
| SA | Tailem Bend District Hospital | Inner Regional |
| SA | Tanunda War Memorial Hospital | Inner Regional |
| SA | Tumby Bay Hospital and Health Services | Remote |
| SA | Waikerie Health Service | Outer Regional |
| SA | Wudinna Hospital | Very Remote |
| WA | Augusta Hospital | Inner Regional |
| WA | Beverley Hospital | Outer Regional |
| WA | Boddington Hospital | Inner Regional |
| WA | Boyup Brook Soldiers Memorial Hospital | Outer Regional |
| WA | Bridgetown Hospital | Inner Regional |

| State/territory | Hospital name | Australian Statistical Geography Standard region |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| WA | Bruce Rock Memorial Hospital | Remote |
| WA | Carnarvon Hospital | Very Remote |
| WA | Collie Hospital | Inner Regional |
| WA | Corrigin Hospital | Remote |
| WA | Cunderdin Hospital | Outer Regional |
| WA | Dalwallinu Hospital | Remote |
| WA | Denmark Hospital | Outer Regional |
| WA | Dongara Multi Purpose Health Centre | Outer Regional |
| WA | Donnybrook Hospital | Inner Regional |
| WA | Dumbleyung Memorial Hospital | Remote |
| WA | Exmouth Hospital | Very Remote |
| WA | Fitzroy Crossing Hospital | Very Remote |
| WA | Gnowangerup Hospital | Remote |
| WA | Goomalling Hospital | Outer Regional |
| WA | Halls Creek Hospital | Very Remote |
| WA | Harvey Hospital | Inner Regional |
| WA | Kalbarri Health Centre | Remote |
| WA | Katanning Hospital | Outer Regional |

| State/territory | Hospital name | Australian Statistical Geography Standard region |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|--|
| WA | Kellerberrin Memorial Hospital | Outer Regional |
| WA | Kojonup Hospital | Outer Regional |
| WA | Kondinin Hospital | Remote |
| WA | Kununoppin Hospital | Remote |
| WA | Lake Grace Hospital | Remote |
| WA | Laverton Hospital | Very Remote |
| WA | Leonora Hospital | Very Remote |
| WA | Margaret River Hospital | Inner Regional |
| WA | Meekatharra Hospital | Very Remote |
| WA | Merredin Hospital | Outer Regional |
| WA | Moora Hospital | Outer Regional |
| WA | Morawa Hospital | Remote |
| WA | Mullewa Hospital | Remote |
| WA | Nannup Hospital | Outer Regional |
| WA | Narembeen Memorial Hospital | Remote |
| WA | Narrogin Hospital | Outer Regional |
| WA | Newman Hospital | Very Remote |
| WA | Norseman Hospital | Very Remote |

| State/territory | Hospital name | Australian Statistical Geography Standard region |
|-----------------|---|--|
| WA | North Midlands Hospital | Remote |
| WA | Northampton Hospital | Outer Regional |
| WA | Onslow Hospital | Very Remote |
| WA | Paraburdoo Hospital | Very Remote |
| WA | Pemberton Hospital | Outer Regional |
| WA | Pingelly Hospital | Outer Regional |
| WA | Plantagenet Hospital | Outer Regional |
| WA | Quairading Hospital | Outer Regional |
| WA | Ravensthorpe Hospital | Very Remote |
| WA | Roebourne Hospital | Remote |
| WA | Southern Cross Hospital | Remote |
| WA | Tom Price Hospital | Very Remote |
| WA | Wagin Hospital | Outer Regional |
| WA | Warren Hospital | Outer Regional |
| WA | Wongan Hills Hospital | Outer Regional |
| WA | Wyalkatchem-Koorda and Districts Hospital | Outer Regional |
| WA | Wyndham Hospital | Very Remote |
| WA | York Hospital | Inner Regional |

| State/territory | Hospital name | Australian Statistical Geography Standard region |
|-----------------|---|--|
| Tas | Beaconsfield District Health Service | Outer Regional |
| Tas | Campbell Town Multi Purpose Centre | Outer Regional |
| Tas | Deloraine District Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Tas | Esperance Multi Purpose Centre | Outer Regional |
| Tas | Flinders Island Multi Purpose Centre | Very Remote |
| Tas | George Town Hospital and Community Centre | Outer Regional |
| Tas | Huon Eldercare | Outer Regional |
| Tas | King Island District Hospital and Health Centre | Very Remote |
| Tas | May Shaw Health Centre | Remote |
| Tas | Midlands Multi Purpose Health Centre | Outer Regional |
| Tas | New Norfolk District Hospital | Inner Regional |
| Tas | North East Soldiers Memorial Hospital and Community Services Centre | Outer Regional |
| Tas | Smithton District Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Tas | St Helens District Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Tas | St Marys Health Centre | Outer Regional |
| Tas | Tasman Multi Purpose Centre | Outer Regional |
| Tas | Toosey Aged and Community Care | Inner Regional |
| Tas | West Coast District Hospital | Remote |

Appendix B Standalone hospitals providing specialist mental health services

Table 5: Standalone hospitals providing specialist mental health services in 2020–21

| State/territory | Hospital name | Australian Statistical Geography Standard region |
|-----------------|--|--|
| NSW | Coral Tree Family Centre | Major City |
| NSW | Cumberland Hospital | Major City |
| NSW | Forensic Hospital | Major City |
| NSW | Illawarra Mental Health Services | Major City |
| NSW | James Fletcher - Morisset | Major City |
| NSW | Kenmore Hospital | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Macquarie Hospital | Major City |
| NSW | Nolan House at Albury Base Hospital | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Orange Base Hospital (mental health wards only) | Inner Regional |
| NSW | Thomas Walker | Major City |
| NSW | Wentworth Psychiatric Services | Major City |
| Qld | Baillie Henderson Hospital | Inner Regional |
| Qld | Charters Towers Rehabilitation Unit | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Kirwan Rehabilitation Unit | Outer Regional |
| Qld | The Park - Centre For Mental Health | Major City |
| Tas | Alcohol and Drug Services Detoxification Unit (SMHS) | Inner Regional |
| Tas | Millbrook Rise (SMHS) | Inner Regional |
| Tas | Mistral Place | Inner Regional |
| Tas | Roy Fagan Centre (SMHS) | Inner Regional |
| Tas | Tolosa Street | Inner Regional |
| Tas | Wilfred Lopes Centre | Inner Regional |

Appendix C Standalone major city hospitals providing specialist services

Table 6: Standalone major city hospitals providing specialist services in 2020–21

| State/territory | Hospital name | Australian Statistical Geography Standard region |
|-----------------|---|--|
| NSW | Bulli Hospital | Major City |
| NSW | Karitane | Major City |
| NSW | NSCCAHS Acute and Post-Acute Centre | Major City |
| NSW | RNS - Sydney Dialysis Centre | Major City |
| NSW | Sydney Dental | Major City |
| NSW | Tresillian Family Care Centre - Belmore | Major City |
| NSW | Tresillian Nepean (Kingswood) | Major City |
| NSW | Westmead Centre for Oral Health | Major City |
| Qld | Ellen Barron Family Centre | Major City |
| WA | Central Drug Unit (Next Step) | Major City |
| ACT | QEI Family Centre | Major City |

Appendix D Other standalone hospitals

Table 7: Other standalone hospitals in 2020–21

| State/territory | Hospital name | Australian Statistical Geography Standard region |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--|
| Qld | Roma Hospital | Outer Regional |
| Qld | Thursday Island Hospital | Very Remote |
| NT | Gove Hospital | Very Remote |

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