

Scope of publicly funded services

Department of Health Policy

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1. Statement

Queensland Health is committed to improving the way our hospitals work and providing better and more timely care for patients, by improving access to services and streamlining services to achieve better value for money. Clearly defining the role of public health facilities, and the scope of services publicly funded and supported by these facilities, enables resources to be used wisely¹.

2. Purpose

- Support quality, affordable and efficient patient care
- Support service efficiency
- Improve the effectiveness of public health services through the allocation of health resources where there is greatest health benefit or need
- Enable consistency in the scope of services that are publicly funded and supported within public health facilities.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all employees, contractors and consultants within the Department of Health divisions and commercialised business units purchasing services on behalf of the department.

4. Principles

- Value for money – resources are allocated where the health benefit or health need is greatest
- Clarity – services that will not be undertaken in Queensland Health facilities (for either public or private patients), or subsidised by Queensland Health are clearly defined.
- Equity – scope of services that are publicly funded and supported within public health facilities is consistent.

Scope of publicly funded services – Policy

1. In 2009, the Queensland Government endorsed the Scope of Publicly Funded Services Policy and Implementation Standard



5. Requirements

Please refer to the guideline that sits under the policy.

6. Supporting documents

- National Health Reform Agreement 2012
- Guideline – Publicly funded services.

Version control

Version	Date	Comments
1	28 June 2011	New policy
2	25 June 2015	Updated following the creation of Hospital and Health Services
3	19 October 2015	2015 Change of Custodian
4	8 February 2023	Review completed. No changes made.