

Medical Aids Subsidy Scheme

Queensland Health Palliative Care Specialist Network

Eligibility Criteria for the Medical Aids Subsidy Scheme (MASS) *Palliative Care Equipment Program* (PCEP) and *Palliative Care Syringe Driver Program* (PCSDP) includes submission of the MASS Palliative Confirmation form with an application.

This form is required to confirm that the applicant is at end stage of life with a likely prognosis of 6 months or less. An AHPRA registered Palliative Care Specialist must provide this diagnosis or be consulted by the applicant's treating health professional to confirm this diagnosis.

Queensland-Wide Palliative Care Specialist Advice and Education

PallConsult is funded by Queensland Health and has been designed to boost the ability of local healthcare teams to deliver patient-centred palliative care, especially in rural and remote parts of the state. This project provides telephone advice, education and resources to upskill health professionals on palliative care issues.

- **1300 PALLDR* (1300 725 537)** – 24/7 hotline for GPs and NPs
- **1300 PALLCR* (1300 725 527)** – 24/7 hotline for nurses and allied health in all care environments
- **Website:** metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/pallconsult

The PallConsult website also lists other useful resources to support health professionals, family and support networks for palliative care.

*services are available for clinical staff who do not have easy access to existing palliative care services in their local area.

Queensland Health Hub and Spoke for Palliative Care Support

Spoke Site	Hub-Site
Darling Downs, South West	Gold Coast Robina Hospital – Supportive and Specialist Palliative Care Services Email: GC_Palcare_Referral@health.qld.gov.au Phone: 1300 763 218
Wide Bay, Central, Central West	Sunshine Coast Caloundra Health Service – Specialist Palliative Care Service Email: SC-Palliative-Care@health.qld.gov.au Phone: 07 5436 8800
Mackay, North West	Townsville Townsville Hospital – Palliative Care Specialist Service Email: TSVRuralPallCare@health.qld.gov.au Phone: 07 4433 7423
Torres and Cape, Hinterland	Cairns Gordonvale Hospital – Palliative Care Service Email: N/A Phone: 07 4043 3100



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