

## Media Release

24<sup>th</sup> February 2023:

### Registration of Interest now open for new Medicare Urgent Care Clinics

An initial Registration of Interest (ROI) process is being undertaken to allow accredited general practices and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services to review the information on the Medicare Urgent Care Clinics (UCC) before submitting their ROI.

Eleven new Medicare UCCs will be established in QLD, including 2 locations in the Central QLD region. These locations are Rockhampton and Bundaberg. Practices in these locations and surrounding suburbs may wish to submit a ROI. Accredited general practices and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services located within the designated areas can submit a **ROI from Friday 24 February until 1.00pm, Friday 24 March 2023.**

The Australian Government has worked closely with the Queensland Government on the design and approach to Medicare UCCs. PHNs will commission Medicare UCCs in QLD. This will require PHNs to work closely with the Australian Government, the QLD Department of Health, Hospital and Health Services and local Health Service Providers.

The new clinics will be located in existing facilities, such as general practices and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services.

Medicare UCCs will provide treatment for urgent, but not life-threatening, illnesses and injuries requiring same day assessment for people who may otherwise have visited an emergency department.

The clinics will have extended hours of operation, appropriately trained staff, walk-in availability, access to a pooled network of resources and the ability to streamline referrals into local hospitals. They will be bulk billed, be open seven days a week and accept walk in patients.

If your practice is within the designated locations and you have not yet received an email inviting you to register an interest, please contact [urgentcare@c2coast.org.au](mailto:urgentcare@c2coast.org.au)

As this ROI is the first stage of the process, all queries must be sent to: [urgentcare@c2coast.org.au](mailto:urgentcare@c2coast.org.au)

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