Am I eligible?

You are eligible if you:

- Identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person; or
- Get your medicines from a Remote Area Aboriginal Health Service (RAAHS).

Artwork by Ngarrindjeri artist Jordan Lovegrove

This artwork depicts SA Pharmacy's relationship with South Australian hospitals, the many out of hospital based services we provide and our commitment to supporting improved health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. SA Pharmacy is represented by the large central meeting place and the South Australian metropolitan and rural public hospitals by the smaller meeting places.

We provide pharmacy services to the hospitals, shown by the pathways leading between them. The pathways going beyond the hospitals represent our range of out of hospital based services through Drug and Alcohol Services SA, SA Ambulance Services and SA Prison Health Service. Our commitment to improving access to medicines for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, is shown by the dotted patterns throughout the artwork.

SA Health Closing the Gap Medicines Access Program

Do you identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person?

You could receive help with the costs of your medicines.

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What should I do when I come to hospital?

- Tell staff if you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, or if you get your medicines from a Remote Area Aboriginal Health Service (RAAHS).
- Collect your medicines from the hospital's pharmacy before you leave.
- Ask to speak to a pharmacist or someone from the Aboriginal health team.

How much will I pay?

- If you have a Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs concession card or normally get your medicines from a RAAHS, you will not have to pay for your medicines.
- If you do not have a concession card, you will pay the concessional rate for each medicine.
- You will not have to pay for:
  - having your medicines packed when you leave hospital
  - medicines postage
  - medicine devices, like spacers and tablet cutters.

What if I take my script outside the hospital?

- If you take your script outside to a community pharmacy or private hospital, you need to be registered for the Closing the Gap Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Co-Payment Program.
- Ask a doctor or Aboriginal health practitioner to register you.
- The PBS Program only includes medicines listed on the PBS.
- Ask to speak to a pharmacist if you need help.