



South West
AMS
Aboriginal Medical Service



How to apply for our subsidies and benefits

Within the Greater Bunbury area

To be eligible for SWAMS subsidies you must:

- Be a current SWAMS client*
- Be a current SWAMSAC member
- Be registered for Closing the Gap (CTG)

***To be a SWAMS client you must attend our clinic for your medical services, including:**

- A yearly Aboriginal health check
- A GP management plan (if applicable)
- Reviews of your GP management plan every 3 months.

Outside the Greater Bunbury area

To be eligible for SWAMS subsidies you must:

- Be a SWAMSAC member
- Be registered for Closing the Gap (CTG)
- Have a referral or letter from your GP.

Contact our clinic today on
**(08) 9726 6000 or
1800 779 000**

All subsidies and assistance are only available where assistance is unable to be obtained from the responsible government/non-government organisations (e.g. travel assistance from PATS).



Support areas	Details	Amount (per year)
Accommodation related to medical care	Eligible clients or carers of eligible clients may apply to receive a "top up" subsidy for accommodation when having to stay in Perth for treatment. NOTE: Where the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS) is applicable, this will be the gap between the PATS payment and the total tariff. SWAMS reserves the right to nominate a hotel at which the subsidy will be offered.	Up to \$100 per night
Ambulance Cover	SWAMS will cover the cost of an ambulance if the person: • Meets subsidy eligibility criteria • It is a priority 1 or 2 call out • Resides in a town within the SWAMS catchment area.	Not applicable (N/A)
Dental	Assistance will be provided for emergency remedial treatment and be related to dental work, such as fillings or extractions that impact on medical conditions.	\$500
Drug or alcohol rehabilitation	Assistance toward the cost of residential drug or alcohol rehabilitation. Patients must be given a referral from SWAMS doctors and agree to participate in a care plan beyond the rehabilitation phase.	\$500
Fuel assistance	Emergency fuel support is available transporting themselves or an immediate family member to Perth for a booked medical appointment. Written evidence of the booking must be produced. Fuel will be made available via an account at the complete discretion of SWAMS.	\$130: Manjimup \$60: Collie, Donnybrook, Bridgetown, Busselton \$50: Bunbury, Boyanup, Brunswick Junction, Harvey, Waroona
Funeral assistance	Assistance provided towards cost of a funeral either directly to the funeral director or to the next of kin as registered with SWAMS. Where applicant is not next of kin, applicant will need to seek approval from a board member and provide written evidence of this decision.	\$250 will be paid directly to funeral director or into nominated person's bank account.

Support areas	Details	Amount (per year)
Glasses	Can receive a single annual subsidy for new glasses, contact lenses or glasses repairs.	\$200
Health aids and equipment	Subsidies for health aids and equipment recommended by the SWAMS medical staff. Equipment will be hired from a local agency or purchased specifically for the client.	\$200
Medical specialist and allied health costs	Out-of-pocket costs for private medical specialists and allied health outpatient appointments that have been referred by SWAMS medical staff. Out of town clients require a referral from their local GP outlining client medical history and rationale for request.	\$500
Medications	Medication subsidies for extra ordinary requirements as well as ongoing scripts. Only available through selected pharmacies with which SWAMS have an agreement. Must be registered for CTG.	\$100 per year
Patient transport	Client transport to and from addresses within 60 km radius of Bunbury is available for medical appointments in Bunbury. Limited transport is available to Perth, depending on urgency and driver availability. Transport to Perth must be booked at least 5 working days before the appointment. Local trips must be to and from the SWAMS clinic or a specialist referred to by our GPs.	N/A
Radiology and investigations	Out-of-pocket costs for radiology or other investigations that are deemed medically necessary and requested by SWAMS medical staff. Out of town clients require a referral from their local GP outlining client medical history and rationale for request.	\$500

Subsidy must be approved by SWAMS before incurring any costs.

The South West Aboriginal Medical Service supports Aboriginal health through tailored programs and services

Services:

- Doctors' appointments
- Aboriginal Health Workers
- Preventative health screening
- Immunisation
- Counselling

Programs:

- Antenatal and postnatal
- Child health
- Playgroup
- Chronic disease management
- Sexual and reproductive health
- Mental health

Plus:

- Bulk billing
- Patient transport
- Home visits
- Walk-in appointments
- Recall and reminder system

Bunbury clinic

Mon: 9.00 am-5.00 pm
 Tues: 9.00 am-5.00 pm
 Wed: 9.00 am-2.00 pm
 Thurs: 9.00 am-8.00 pm
 Fri: 9.00 am-5.00 pm

Unit 5/55 Forrest Avenue
 Bunbury WA 6230

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Outreach clinics

Collie
 Mondays 10am-3pm
 Collie Hospital

Brunswick
 Tuesdays 10am-12pm
 St. John Ambulance Building
 1 Ridley Street

Manjimup
 Thursdays 10am-3pm
 Unit 7-8/30-32 Rose Street

Administration

Mon: 8.45 am-5.00 pm
 Tues: 8.45 am-5.00 pm
 Wed: 8.45 am-2.00 pm
 Thurs: 8.45 am-5.00 pm
 Fri: 8.45 am-5.00 pm

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Patient Assisted Travel Scheme

South West Office

1800 823 131

