

How do you access the program?

Step 1

GP completes ATSI health check (715).

Step 2

GP completes GP management plan (721).

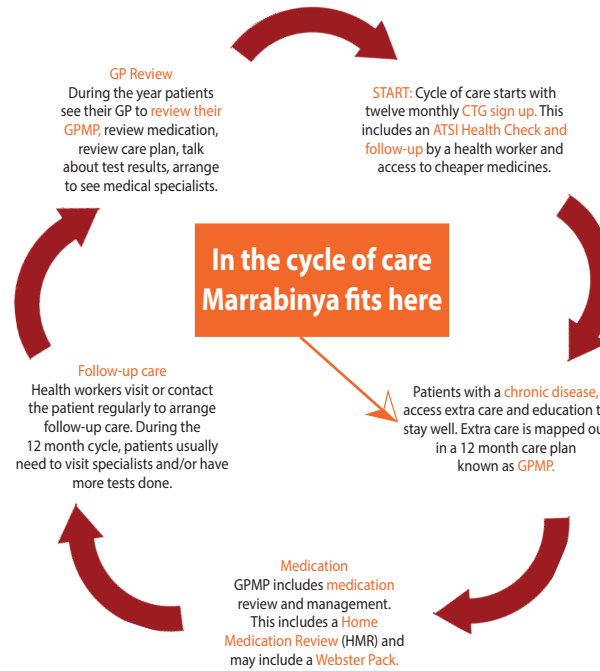
Step 3

GP assesses the patient's needs for extra services and refers an eligible patient to Marrabinya to arrange / purchase the extra services.

Step 4

Marrabinya reviews the referral. If accepted, a Local Chronic Care Link Worker is assigned to follow-up with the patient and referring doctor.

Go to maarima.com.au/indigenous-health-support-service to access the referral form.



Doctors can make contact with Marrabinya (Indigenous Health Support Service) by:

Email to: indigenoushealthsupportservice@maarima.com.au

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Marrabinya (Indigenous Health Support Service)

Providing support to general practice to improve access to specialist services for Aboriginal patients with chronic disease.



What is Marrabinya (IHSS)?

Marrabinya is funded under the Commonwealth's Integrated Team Care (ITC) program by Western NSW PHN. The ITC program aims to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people through better access to multidisciplinary care and improved access to culturally appropriate services in mainstream primary care services.

Eligibility Criteria:

Indigenous patients who:

- Live in the Western NSW PHN region.
- Have a diagnosed chronic disease. Marrabinya focuses on the key life style diseases causing excess mortality and morbidity:
 - Cardiovascular disease
 - Diabetes
 - Chronic respiratory disease
 - Chronic kidney disease
 - Cancer
- Exceptional circumstances will be considered on a case by case basis
- Patients are referred by their usual treating doctor and need to have a current GP Management Plan (GPMP).

Brokerage services include:

- Gap fees associated with health appointments e.g. diagnostic tests, specialist appointments
- Travel and accommodation to attend health appointments
- Webster packs for patients with poly pharmacy
- Assisted breathing equipment
- Oxygen
- Medical footwear prescribed and fitted by a podiatrist

Marrabinya will provide these services, if documented as a need in the patient's GPMP and where they are not available under other programs.

Referring doctors need to be aware:

- Marrabinya focuses on organising schedule planned care in advance.
- We require a minimum of 48 hours notice to review, assess, respond to your referrals and arrange/purchase agreed services.
- Marrabinya is not set up to address crisis / acute issues.
- The service is for patients, not carers.
- Doctors should utilise EPC items in the first instance to refer patients for allied health services and refer to Marrabinya after exhausting EPC appointments.
- Patients referred for assistance with CPAP equipment may be assisted only after prerequisite sleep study and diagnosis are completed. Patients eligible for assistance under the Enable program will be assisted while on the waiting list.
- Marrabinya should be seen as a program for last resort after all alternative programs have been exhausted.