

# Closing the Gap co-payment eligibility indicator

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Property

**METEOR identifier:** 603666

**Registration status:**

- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 17/12/2015

**Definition:** An indicator of eligibility for a Closing the Gap (CTG) co-payment.

The Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) CTG co-payment was developed to provide assistance to eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients to improve access to PBS medicines through co-payment relief.

The measure is a component of the broader Indigenous Health Chronic Disease package announced by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) in November 2008. The CTG co-payment component of the Commonwealth initiative commenced within the PBS on 1 July 2010.

**Context:** Chronic disease and associated risk factors contribute to a reduced life expectancy gap between Indigenous Australians and non-Indigenous Australians.

**Property group:** [Service provision event](#)

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Department of Health

## Relational attributes

**Data Element Concepts implementing this property:** [Patient—Closing the Gap co-payment eligibility indicator](#)

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