

ATTACHMENT A

Patient Travel Assistance Schemes

State or territory	Name of scheme	Minimum distance (one-way)	Travel costs	Accommodation
New South Wales	Transport for Health– Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme	More than 200 kilometres (to be reduced to 100 kilometres from 1 July 2006)	Full economy bus or rail costs Car: 12.7 cents per kilometre (to be increased to 15 cents from 1 July 2006) Concession card holders must pay the first \$20. Non-concession card holders must pay the first \$40.	\$33 per night for single room or \$46 per night for double room Concession card holders only receive \$30 per week for private accommodation after the first week
Victoria	Victorian Patient Transport Assistance Scheme	More than 100 kilometres or approved treatment block allows for 500km per week for 5 weeks	Non-concession card holders must pay the first \$100 for treatment received within a single year Car travel: 14 cents per kilometre	\$30 per night (commercial) up to a maximum of 120 treatment days per year No support for private accommodation
Queensland	Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme	At least 50 kilometres from the patient’s nearest public hospital	Car travel: 10 cents per kilometre (only from post office to post office of town centres)	\$30 night (commercial) \$10 (private) Non concession card holders only receive assistance after the fourth night
Western Australia	Patient Assisted Travel Scheme	More than 100 kilometres—or 70 kilometres for patients with a chronic condition	Non-concession card holders (only) must pay the first \$50 up to a maximum of four trips per year Car travel: 13 cents per kilometre increasing to 15 cents after the first 4 trips; or 25 cents per kilometre for more than two passengers in mini-bus type vehicle Patients with a chronic condition travelling between 70 and 100 kilometres can choose to receive a flat rate of \$20 per return trip	\$35 per night (commercial) \$10 per night (private residence) Concession card holders receive assistance from the first night. Non-card holders receive assistance after the fourth night

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South Australia	Patient Assistance Transport Scheme	More than 100 kilometres	All claimants must make a minimum contribution of \$30 Car: 16 cents per kilometre	\$30 per night (commercial) No support for private accommodation Non concession card holders only receive assistance after the first night
Tasmania	Patient Travel Assistance Scheme	More than 75 kilometres within Tasmania or interstate travel	Non concession card holders contribute \$75 to the cost of each journey Concession card holders contribute \$15 to the cost of each journey	\$30 per night (commercial) Non-concession card holders receive assistance after the second night
Australian Capital Territory	Interstate Patient Travel Assistance Scheme	Only for available for interstate travel	Car: Up to \$40 per adult and \$20 per child to Sydney, or higher rates for other capital cities Coach or train: As for car, unless cost is less	\$30 per night (commercial) Escort receives \$20 per night (commercial) \$10 per night for patient and/or escort (private)
Northern Territory	Patient Travel Scheme	More than 200 kilometres, excepting isolation by poor road or water	Full cost of return bus trip or by car up to 15 cents per kilometre or petrol costs (whichever is the lesser amount)	\$30 per night (commercial) \$10 per night (private residence)