
TITLE: PAYMENT TO MULTI-PURPOSE SERVICES (MPS)**DISTRIBUTION:** ALL PUBLIC HOSPITALS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

1. Purpose

This Bulletin defines and describes how Multi Purpose Services (MPS) will be funded for 2002/2003.

2. General Principles

An MPS is a service provider configuration which is designed to address issues affecting the delivery of health services in rural and remote areas of the State. It is developed as a joint State and Commonwealth initiative, with funds being pooled from the resources of State and Commonwealth programs and services.

An MPS can be a single health unit or an entire Health Service.

The pooling of funds means that all MPS activities are funded from the single pool and the MPS will report as one organisation.

In some instances in the past, the Commonwealth has paid its contribution direct to the MPS. As from 1998-99, the Commonwealth Contribution has in all instances been paid to the Department of Health and pooled with existing Commonwealth Grants (eg HACC) and State funds.

Under these revised arrangements, the full value of the negotiated contract for the MPS will be incorporated into the Health Service's Service and Financial Plan and will form the basis of payments to the MPS during the financial year. There will be monthly payments to the MPS, either directly or through a parent Health Service, in accordance with the agreed Schedule of Payments as described in Technical Bulletin No 22/1.