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PRIMARY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH (CHAPTER 11)

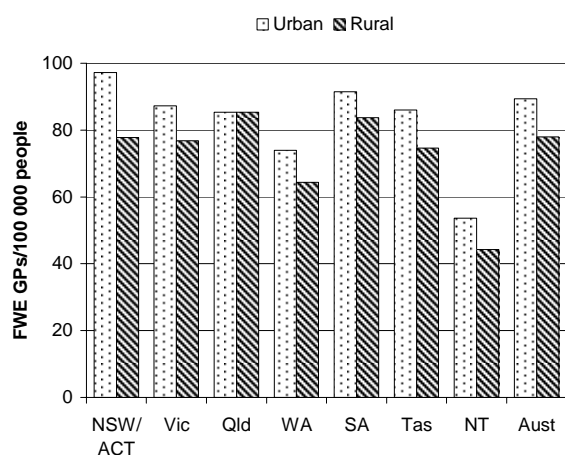
- This chapter covers general practice, primary healthcare services for Indigenous people, drug and alcohol treatment, public dental services, maternal and child health, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS) and a range of other community health services.
- Australian Government expenditure on GP services in Australia was around \$5.1 billion, or \$247 per person, in 2006-07 (p. 11.5). Total expenditure by all governments on community and public health was \$5.0 billion in 2005-06 (p. 11.6). Expenditure on the PBS and RPBS was around \$5.9 billion, or \$284 per person, in 2006-07 (p. 11.6).

Objectives of primary and community health

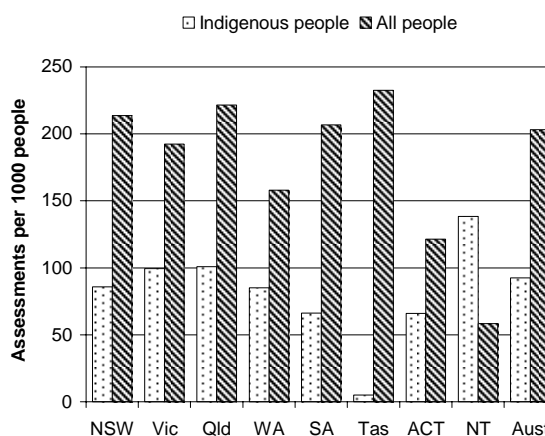
- Primary and community health services aim to promote the health of Australians by acting as the first point of entry to the healthcare system, providing healthcare that promotes changes in lifestyle behaviour and prevents possible illness, coordinating and integrating healthcare services on behalf of clients and providing continuity of care. This is to be done in an equitable and efficient manner based on the best available evidence of the effectiveness of healthcare interventions.

Selection of results

Availability of GPs (full time workload equivalent),
2006-07^a (p. 11.18)

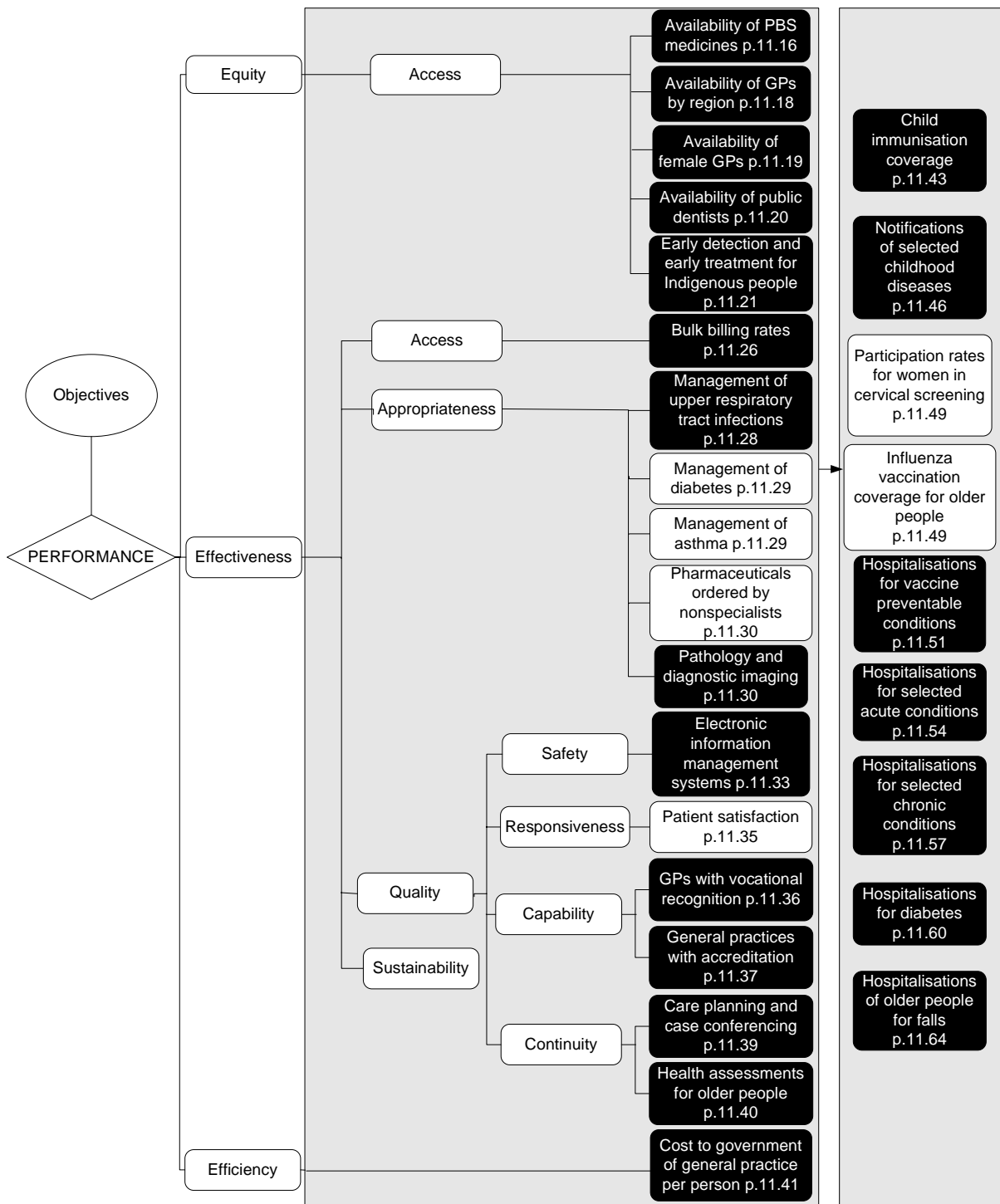


Older people who received an annual health assessment by
Indigenous status, 2006-07^a (p. 11.23)



^a Data and caveats for these figures are available electronically on the CD-ROM enclosed with the Report and from the website for the Review of Government Service Provision (<http://www.pc.gov.au/gsp/reports/rogs/2008>). Data may be subject to revision. The most recent data will be available on the Review website.

Performance indicators for primary and community health (figure 11.2, p. 11.14)



Key to indicators

- Text** Data for these indicators comparable, subject to caveats to each chart or table
- Text** Data for these indicators not complete or not directly comparable
- Text** These indicators yet to be developed or data not collected for this Report: chapter contains explanatory text

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Developments in reporting since the 2007 Report

- The following improvements were made for the 2008 Report:
 - data are reported for a new indicator of equity of access, 'early detection and early treatment for Indigenous people'
 - data were available from both general practice accrediting bodies for the first time, improving the quality of reporting against the indicator 'general practices with accreditation'.

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Tables with an 'A' suffix (eg table 11A.5) are in the attachments on the CD-ROM or on the Review website.