

**AHCWA Membership Flowchart**

This chart can be used to guide organisations in determining whether or not to apply for membership of AHCWA and what type of membership may be appropriate.

No

No

No

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Is your organisation committed to the AHCWA definition of Aboriginal holistic health\*?

Is your ACCHO\* committed to and does it adhere to the NACCHO Aboriginal definition of health\*?

Does your ACCHO\* provide culturally appropriate primary health care and health related services to the Community?

**Your Organisation is eligible to apply for Membership of AHCWA**

No

No

**Your Organisation is eligible to apply for Associate Membership of AHCWA**

**Your Organisation is NOT eligible to apply for Associate Membership of AHCWA**

Is your organisation committed to the AHCWA definition of Aboriginal holistic health\*?

Yes

**No**

Are you a local ACCHO\*, having Rules preventing the distribution of property to individual members of the organisation, governed by an Aboriginal board and elected by local Aboriginal community membership?

**Yes**

Yes

No

No

Yes

Do you provide specialist ‘health related services' and/or operate in association with, or receive satellite services through, an ACCHS \* consistent with the NAHS 1989\*?

Are you an incorporated local Aboriginal community controlled committee elected and governed by a local Aboriginal community?

\* Acronyms and definitions overleaf

No

Is your ACCHO \* incorporated and operating an ACCHS\*?

Yes

**Your Organisation is NOT eligible to apply for Membership of AHCWA**

Does your organisation have the objective of establishing a local ACCHS\*?



# Acronyms (as included the AHCWA Constitution)

## ACCHO Aboriginal Community Controlled Health related Organisation

ACCHS Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service

NACCHO National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation

NAHS National Aboriginal Health Strategy

**Definitions (as defined the AHCWA Constitution Schedule 1)**

**Aboriginal Community Control** has its genesis in Aboriginal peoples’ right to self- determination. By definition, organisations controlled by Government to any extent are excluded. By definition, organisations which adopt a vertical approach to health, inconsistent with the Aboriginal holistic definition of health as defined by the National Aboriginal Health Strategy are excluded. (NACCHO – Broome Conference – December 1995).

**Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service** means a legal entity that:

* 1. through the operation of its governing document, requires at least 75% of its Members to be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people;
	2. through the operation of its governing document, requires at least 75% of its Directors (or equivalent) to be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people; and
	3. delivers Comprehensive Primary Health Care in the State of Western Australia to the community that controls it.

**Aboriginal Community Health Related Organisation** means a legal entity that:

1. has Directors (or equivalent) that are elected by Members;
2. requires in its governing document that a majority of its Members be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people;
3. requires in its governing document that the majority of its Directors (or equivalent) be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people;
4. has a majority of its Members residing within the region in which it provides services;
5. provides Aboriginal Health Related Services in the State of Western Australia; and
6. has rules in its governing document that prevent the distribution of funds to its Members and Directors (or equivalent).

**Aboriginal Health Related Services** means a service:

1. provided by an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service; or
2. provided by an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Related Organisation that:
	1. is a specialty service or specialty services (which may include the provision of maternal and child health services, alcohol and other drug services, disease prevention services, men’s or women’s health services, aged and disability services, mental health services and dental services); and
	2. is delivered in pursuance of the achievement of Aboriginal health.

**Comprehensive Primary Healthcare** means:

1. meeting the health and well-being needs of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people through comprehensive, holistic, place-based and culturally safe care throughout the life course.
2. systematically addressing the broader determinants of the health and well-being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people; and
3. empowering Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander individuals, families and communities to optimise their health and well-being.

In this definition ‘well-being’ includes physical, mental, spiritual, cultural and emotional well-being.