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# **HLTAHW060 Plan for medical emergencies**

**Release: 2**

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### Modification History

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### Application

This unit describes the required skills and knowledge to prepare and promote a plan of action for providing a clinical response to emergencies of a medical nature in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities.

This unit applies to those Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Workers working independently and as part of a multidisciplinary team to deliver primary health care services to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander clients and communities.

*The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australian/New Zealand standards and industry codes of practice.*

### Elements and Performance Criteria

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#### PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

*Elements define the essential outcomes.*

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1. Liaise with relevant agencies and key people

1.1 Identify organisation policies and protocols for dealing with medical emergencies

1.2 Consult relevant agencies and key people to

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1.3 Identify and document resource availability

2. Develop an emergency plan

2.1 Develop strategies for responding to medical emergencies in consultation with key people from the community and local agencies

2.2 Determine preferred options in consultation with key people and the community, as time and resources permit

2.3 Develop the plan proactively, whenever possible

2.4 Ensure the plan meets legislative requirements for providing clinical care

3. Document, distribute and promote the emergency action plan

3.1 Document the medical emergency action plan

3.2 Distribute the medical emergency action plan to all health service providers

3.3 Ensure health service providers are included in procedures relevant to their allocated roles and responsibilities

4. Evaluate and modify the emergency action plan

4.1 Consult key people about the effectiveness of the medical emergency action plan

4.2 Adapt the plan as required to address community, organisation and legislative requirements

4.3 Distribute the amended plan to all local health service providers

**Foundation Skills**

*The Foundation Skills describe those required skills (language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills) that are essential to performance.*

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

## **Unit Mapping Information**

No equivalent unit.

## **Links**

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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## Assessment Requirements for HLTAHW060 Plan for medical emergencies

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### Performance Evidence

The candidate must show evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage tasks and manage contingencies in the context of the job role.

There must be evidence that the candidate has:

- undertaken relevant research and consultation to develop an emergency plan to respond to emergencies of a medical nature, which involved:
  - communicating effectively with a range of relevant stakeholders to:
    - investigate options for responding to medical emergencies
    - determine preferred options
    - consult about the effectiveness of the plan
  - developing strategies to address such emergencies in line with stakeholder and related legislative requirements
- documented, distributed, promoted and evaluated an emergency plan to address requirements of the community, health service providers and related organisations
- implemented aspects of the plan in line with work role and responsibilities
- written reports and documented the action plan.
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All performance evidence must be demonstrated at least once.

## Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must be able to demonstrate essential knowledge required to effectively do the task outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage the task and manage contingencies in the context of the identified work role.

This includes knowledge of:

- how to operate relevant equipment and technology
- local resources
- key community networks
- client confidentiality
- local disaster planning processes
- legislation protocols and policies or guidelines
- network development
- knowledge of key issues and information relating to individual and community health, including biology and development, psychology, disease and treatment options, and culture and tradition
- organisation policies and procedures.

## Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated working:

- in a health service or centre
- individually or as a member of a multidisciplinary primary health care team
- with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander clients and communities.

In addition, simulations and scenarios must be used where the full range of contexts and situations cannot be provided in the workplace or may occur only rarely. These are situations relating to emergency or unplanned procedures where assessment in these circumstances would be unsafe or is impractical.

Simulated assessment environments must simulate the real-life working environment where these skills and knowledge would be performed, with all the relevant equipment and resources of that working environment.

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

Assessment must be undertaken by a workplace assessor who has expertise in this unit of competency and who is:

an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Worker or:

- accompanied by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person who is a recognised member of the community with experience in primary health care

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