



You Can Accommodation – Principles and Eligibility

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The You Can Accommodation Scheme provides free accommodation to 15 – 25 year old cancer patients who live in regional and rural areas in Australia who need to travel to major cities for appropriate cancer treatment services that are not available closer to home.

PRINCIPLES

The scheme is intended to subsidise the unavoidable financial costs of accommodation for adolescent and young adult (AYA) cancer patients and their families from regional and rural Australia that have no option but to travel a long distance to receive essential specialist medical services from an approved medical specialist.

The process is intended to be easy to navigate for the patient, referrer/health services and accommodation provider minimising financial and emotional burden. Sony Foundation's patient eligibility also includes accommodation needs not covered by the government accommodation rebates.

PATIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Cancer diagnosis (confirmed by referrer)
- Age 15 – 25 years at time of diagnosis
- Enrolled for Medicare
- Not be receiving, or eligible for, financial assistance for travel and accommodation from third party insurance or other Australian government services
- Be referred for treatment at their nearest health service
- Receive treatment at an approved health service
- Travel from their residence for treatment at least 100km (one way), or at least 200kms in a week by making multiple trips to and from treatment (except in QLD – 50km and WA 70km)*

Additional Eligibility Clauses that Sony Foundation will cover (not typically covered by government rebate)

- Exceptional circumstances where a patient is within 100km from treating hospital or has financial difficulty
- If patient is on a clinical trial
- If the patient is not from the state/territory where they are receiving treatment
- An escort (Parent, guardian, sibling, carer aged 18 years older) to accompany the patient.
- Accommodation for escort covered while AYA patient is an In-Patient

Accommodation Allowances

- 1 or 2 Bedroom self-contained apartment
 - Closest Quest property to treating hospital
 - Will not include parking
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- Distances vary according to State Government PTAS criteria.