



Victorian Budget 2021–22

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Funding overview

All Victorians should have access to world-class health care no matter their age or where they live.

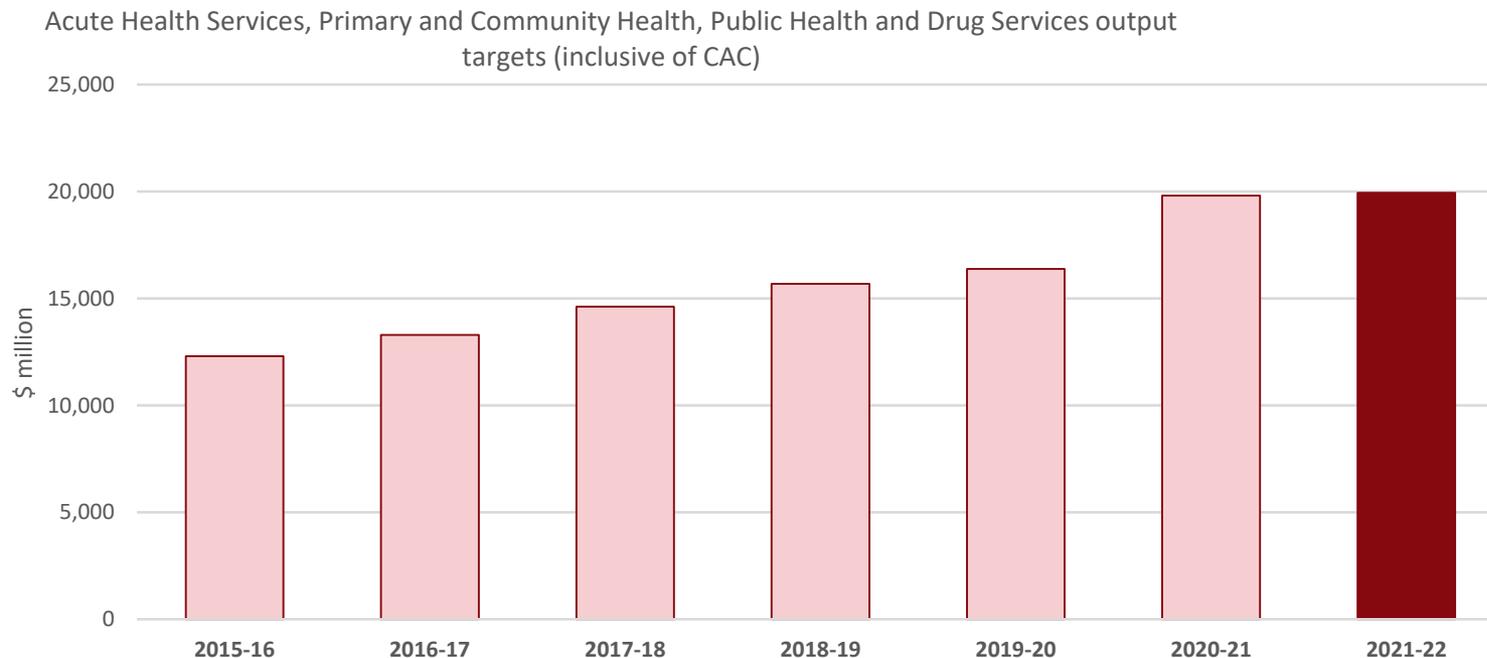
That's why this budget invests **\$6.58 billion over five years in health services, programs and agencies** to strengthen the health system and ensure:

- **\$5.39 billion in output funding** for our world class hospitals to deliver services for Victorian patients, provide better care at home for those who want it, improve rural health outcomes, and increase public health and wellbeing
- **\$1.18 billion in asset funding** for a major investment in building hospitals and other health infrastructure.



Budget growth

- In 2021-22 the Andrews Labor Government is investing **\$19.9 billion (output funding, inclusive of CAC and depreciation)** in the Health portfolio.
- This continues our significant investment from last year, and is a **72.3% increase** over the life of the Andrews Labor government.



Andrews Labor Government investment in health

Better Outcomes for Patients

COVID-19 affected many parts of our healthcare system, including:

- an elective surgery backlog due to deferred surgeries
- more chronic disease, mental health and paediatric patients
- reduction in number of available beds due to COVID-19 dedicated wards.

In total, *the Victorian State Budget 2021-22* delivers **\$3.69 billion** over five years to support service delivery and performance in Victoria's hospitals, including:

- more elective surgery
- more emergency department staff
- additional highly-specialised therapies
- new wards supported as they open.



Future of public health – local delivery

We are strengthening our public health response, as we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Victorian Government is investing a further **\$822.6 million** over five years to support local place-based delivery of health services with central support.

This includes the continued operation of local public health units, wastewater surveillance and pathology capacity.



Community-based healthcare

The Victorian State Budget 2021-22 also delivers an additional **\$91.0 million** over *five years* on community health initiatives, including:

- catch-up care for dental services, cancer services and maternal and child health services
- three new residential alcohol and other drugs treatment facilities, additional community-based counselling services and expanded forensic services
- three new women's sexual and reproductive health hubs, expanded operating hours and services at existing hubs.



Building better hospitals and services

The Andrews Labor Government's 2021-22 Budget provides an investment of **\$1.18 billion in hospital upgrades and health facilities**, including:

- 10 new community hospitals to give patients the best care
- more funding for Hospital and Aged Care Beds for Melbourne's East (**Angliss Hospital Expansion Stage 2**)
- more infrastructure funding for a better public pathology system, with a further \$65.8 million to run it
- new **Frankston Hospital** paediatric emergency department.



Investing in Regional Victoria

As part of the **\$1.18 billion** of asset and infrastructure expenditure:

- **\$94.8 million** to define project scope, risks and costs in order to build a world class hospital in Maryborough; early works are to commence in 2022.
- **\$20 million** for the **Regional Health Infrastructure Fund (RHIF)** – bringing total RHIF commitments to \$490 million.



Investing in public health and wellbeing

The Government is investing in public health and wellbeing, including the following initiatives:

- **Establishing public IVF in Victoria** to help more Victorians become parents
- improving the health and life outcomes of **100,000** Victorians through large scale improvement initiatives
- supporting decriminalisation of public drunkenness, including supporting Aboriginal Organisations undertake audits of key services to identify and overcome shortcomings
- boosting our healthcare workforce through clinic supervision training and student placements.

