

Understanding the Funding Model - A perspective from Health Services in two states

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Every year, the national ABF funding model increases in complexity. To this the states may add localisations which add further complexity to the model. In addition to this, the level of tolerance around the final target is reducing, as Health Departments seek to minimise risk.

This is the perspective of two Health Services, one in Victoria, one in Queensland, who are seeking to deal with the ongoing changes in their funding models.

In Victoria, a version of ABF has been ongoing since 1994, and Weighted Inlier Equivalent Separations (WIES) are still the main measure of activity. Whilst Queensland has not been using actual ABF for as long, it is up to version 21 of its weights.

This presentation will focus on how a Victorian and a Queensland health service, have developed tools and techniques to deal with the challenges of their state funding models, and the impact of the national funding model.