

# UNCOMMON CARE IS INVESTING IN AUSTRALIANS' HEALTH

**At HCF, we're not like for-profit health funds. As well as giving more money back to our members\*, we're also funding important health services research to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for our members and all Australians.**

For over 25 years, the HCF Research Foundation has been driving innovation across health services research in collaboration with researchers and clinicians. Through our foundation, we've invested over \$36 million in research grants to help all Australians access the right treatment, at the right time, in the right setting for the best outcomes.

Our 2026 annual call for research projects will deliver funding from 1 January 2027. For this year's grants, we're inviting you to apply if your health services research project explores one of the following topics:

1. Uptake, accessibility and effectiveness of innovative mental health models of care that expand options for timely, high-quality support for people experiencing acute mental health needs. This can include strengthened community-based models and integrated pathways of care.
2. Strategies for the identification and remediation of gender bias in health care services.

Applications will be assessed on scientific merit and their ability to drive meaningful improvement in healthcare delivery. We welcome applications that demonstrate strong potential and a considered approach for scalable translation of research outcomes into practice.

\* 88.7% compared to 84.4% across the industry. Calculated based on the average of the past 10 years, sourced from APRA Statistics: Operations of Private Health Insurers Annual Report data 2015-24 and Quarterly private health insurance statistics July 2024-June 2025.



**The closing date for expressions of interest is 13 May (5pm AEST).**



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