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***Country Health SA takes the guess work out distance calculation***

Country Health SA knows the importance of providing specialist health support to country communities, understanding that distance should not be a barrier to getting specialist medical treatment. MapData Services was approached by Country Health SA to develop a distance calculator tool to ensure country patients and their approved escorts could calculate some of their reimbursements for travel and accommodation when they were required to travel over 100 kilometres (each way) to receive specialist medical treatment.

By leveraging the location of the patient to the place of the medical treatment centre, the new online tool calculates the distance travelled, determining the amount South Australian country patients are subsidised as part of the SA Patient Assistance Transport Scheme (PATS).

By simply entering a start location, destination town or city from a drop down menu and an additional distance if you are on Kangaroo Island or a farm outside a recognised town boundary, the calculator determines whether you are eligible for PATS. By clicking on the 'calculate claim' button and the subsidy amount payment will be provided.

View the online tool today visit <http://apps.nowwhere.com.au/countryhealthsa/distancecalc/>  
To find out how MDS can help your organisation leverage the power of location based services contact [info@mapdataservices.com](mailto:info@mapdataservices.com)

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