

## 10.5.44 Spinal Community Integration Service

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Workers who sustain a spinal cord [injury \(SCI\)](#) have particular needs relating to their transition from [hospital](#) to the community. The Victorian Spinal Cord Service (Austin Health) offers a Spinal Community Integration Service ([SCIS](#)) designed to meet the transition and community integration needs of individuals with a SCI.

The primary functions of the SCIS are to:

- facilitate a [worker's](#) transition from hospital and re-integration into the community, and
- provide a coordinated approach for workers with a SCI to receive trans-disciplinary support and education.

[WorkSafe](#) can pay the reasonable costs of a SCIS where required by a worker with a [work-related](#) SCI.

AC Act: [S99\(1\) Liability of Authority and self-insurer](#)

The SCIS commences when eligible workers receive inpatient treatment at either the Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre or Caulfield Hospital and continues for 12 months post discharge into the community.

The SCIS is not a substitute for existing inpatient rehabilitation or community rehabilitation services. It is a specialised service that aims to increase independence, self management and integration in the community after a SCI.

For more information on what Worksafe can pay for, please refer to the WorkSafe [Spinal Community Integration Service Policy](#).

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