



## **INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS SEEKING ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT THROUGH GIVE A SMILE™**

### **TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR TREATMENT UNDER THE GIVE A SMILE™ PROGRAM YOU MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

1. You need to be a Health Care Card holder or Pension Card holder.
2. You or your child must already be on the waiting list for orthodontic treatment in the public dental service of the state or territory where you live.

### **NOTES**

Patients are allocated to Give a Smile™ from the top of the public orthodontic waiting list.

You or your child will therefore be selected from the top of the public orthodontic waiting list.

Give a Smile™ does not select patients. It simply receives patients and allocates them to appropriate specialist orthodontists who have volunteered to treat patients through the Give a Smile™ program.

The effect of Give a Smile™ is that the patients' time spent on waiting lists is reduced.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

- You have the choice of having the treatment done either through the Give a Smile™ program or in the public dental health system.
- Should you accept the offer of treatment through Give a Smile™ it will be performed by a specialist orthodontist in his/her office.
- If you live in SA, WA or Victoria, your state health department requires you to pay a fee (co-payment) for your orthodontic treatment.
- If you live in SA, WA or Victoria - and if you accept treatment through Give a Smile™ - the relevant co-payment must still be paid. However the payment is made to the Give a Smile™ Trust (details will be supplied).