

**ADDENDUM TO:
GRAMPIANS REGION HACC ASSESSMENT SERVICES AND AGED CARE
ASSESSMENT SERVICES PARTNERING AGREEMENTS, April 2015**

In December 2014 two questions were raised at the Wimmera HACC Partnership Project Meeting.

Question One:

What is the role of HACC district nursing services in supporting clients who are on Commonwealth home care packages at level one, two, three and four.

Victorian Home and Community Care program manual 2013 clarifies the role of HACC when working with Commonwealth funded care packages on Pages 78 and 79.

Commonwealth funded aged care packages

The Commonwealth Government *Living Longer Living Better* aged care reforms commenced in August 2013.

Key measures include:

- Additional package care levels so there are now four package levels (levels 1- 4) available.
- a new dementia supplement to provide additional financial assistance to people with dementia receiving any of the four levels of packaged care (10 per cent of the package value).

Commonwealth Home Care Packages

Four levels of Home Care packages have replaced the CACPs EACH and EACHD packages:

- Home Care Level 1 — for people with basic care needs
- Home Care Level 2 — for people with low-level care needs
- Home Care Level 3 — for people with intermediate care needs
- Home Care Level 4 — for people with high level care needs

A Dementia and Cognition Supplement of 10 per cent will be available at all four levels of home care for people assessed as having a cognitive impairment.

For more information about changes to Commonwealth aged care services go to the *Living Longer Living Better* website or *myagedcare* website.

Interface with HACC

General principles relating to access to HACC subsidised services for people in receipt of Commonwealth community aged care packages (CACPs) were developed by the department in 2010. These guidelines will be updated to reflect the new Commonwealth Home Care Packages guidelines.

In the meantime the following principles apply:

- As a general rule, people in receipt of a home care package are not eligible to receive the full range of HACC subsidised services. For example personal care, delivered meals, domestic assistance, respite and property maintenance can be provided through Commonwealth Home Care packages so they would generally not be provided to clients as a HACC subsidised service.
- Level 1 and 2 package clients can receive HACC subsidised nursing and allied health, as a HACC client.

- In Victoria, where a Level 1 and 2 package client was attending a planned activity group prior to going on the package, they can continue to do so as a HACC client in their own right. Similarly where a person is in receipt of a Level 1 and 2 package and not currently a member of a social support group, they can be considered for a HACC subsidised place as a HACC client in their own right.

Being eligible to be considered for a HACC subsidised place does not confer entitlement to service provision. Eligibility means that the person is in the HACC program's target group and is eligible to be assessed and prioritised for service provision. Services may not be able to be provided due to other people being assessed as a higher priority and/or due to resources not being available.

Question Two:

Personal Alert Victoria - who does assessments for brokerage clients, are brokerage clients eligible for PAV?

Personal Alert Victoria program and service guidelines 2010 clarifies the agreements in relation to eligibility for PAV on page 6.

2.9 Eligibility for PAV and HACC Response Service by recipients of case managed care packages and Department of Veterans' Affairs personal alarms

Package	Eligibility of recipients for PAV and HACC Response Service
Linkages	Eligible for PAV and eligible for HACC Response Service because both Linkages and HACC Response Service are funded by HACC
Commonwealth Aged Care Package (CACPS)	Eligible for PAV. Eligible for the HACC Response Service
Extended Aged Care at Home (EACH)	Eligible for PAV. Not eligible for the HACC Response Service; however, the funded organisation providing the package may contract with the HACC Response Service provider to purchase HRS on a fee or service basis
Extended Aged Care at Home Dementia (EACH - Dementia)	Recipients of EACH (Dementia) will not meet the criteria for PAV. Therefore also not eligible for the HACC Response Service
Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA)	Where Veterans have a PAV funded alarm unit they are eligible for the HACC Response Service. Where Veterans have a DVA funded alarm unit they are not eligible for the HACC Response Service. DVA may choose to fund a response service for DVA funded alarm unit clients who do not have informal contacts.

Access to the PAV program and service guidelines can be found on the HACC website at the following address:

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/agedcare/services/pav/index.htm#news>

The document Guidelines for streaming pathways between ACAS and HACC assessment services, December 2010 (Page 8) also provide clarity on the role of assessing for PAV.

4.4 Referrals for Personal Alert Victoria (PAV)

Both ACAS and HACC assessment services are designated assessment organisations for Personal Alert Victoria (PAV). In most cases a PAV assessment is part of a broader home based assessment. If a person is referred to an assessment service for Personal Alert Victoria (PAV) assessment only, that is, the person is already connected with the service system and needs an assessment to determine eligibility for a PAV, local assessment services need to determine which assessment agency should carry out the PAV assessment. In general, this should be based on the agency that is most familiar with the person and/or the agency with current capacity to carry out the PAV assessment.

Access to the Guidelines for streamlining pathways between ACAS and HACC assessment services can be found on the HACC website at the following address:

<http://wimmerapcp.org.au/hacc-and-community-aged-care/grampians-region-projects/hasacas-agreements/>

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