Aged care on-site pharmacist measure

# Consultation response template

**Instructions**

* Please refer to the [consultation paper](https://consultations.health.gov.au/++preview++/aged-care-division/aged-care-on-site-pharmacists/supporting_documents/Aged%20care%20onsite%20pharmacists%20consultation%20paper%20%20July%202022.pdf)
* Use the below response template as a guide
* Return your feedback by email to [agedcarepharmacist@health.gov.au](mailto:agedcarepharmacist@health.gov.au)
* The consultation closes on Friday 9 September 2022
* Information on the consultation is available at <https://consultations.health.gov.au/aged-care-division/aged-care-on-site-pharmacists/>

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| **Funding model for employment of on-site pharmacists** | |
| **Question** | **Response** |
| 1. Do you believe funding should be provided directly to residential aged care homes or coordinated through Primary Health Networks (PHNs)?   Why is this your recommended funding model? |  |
| **Theme 1: Developing and defining the role of the on-site pharmacist** | |
| **Question** | **Response** |
| 1. What do you see as the key role and responsibilities for an on-site pharmacist in residential aged care homes?   Please consider the role in relation to the Medicines Advisory Committee/residential aged care home clinical governance. |  |
| 1. How could residential aged care homes or Primary Health Networks be supported in engagement of pharmacists to work in aged care homes?   Do you have a suggested approach to engaging pharmacists in rural and more remote locations to work on-site in residential aged care homes under this measure? |  |
| 1. How could this relatively new role be promoted to pharmacists to encourage uptake? |  |
| 1. How can on-site pharmacists best collaborate with the aged care health care teams (including residents and their families, other staff, the local general practitioner and pharmacy) in regard to transitioning between health care settings? |  |
| 1. How should continuing professional development, mentoring and networking for on-site pharmacists be supported and maintained? |  |
| **Theme 2: Training requirements for pharmacists** | |
| **Question** | **Response** |
| 1. What training currently exists that could be adapted to meet training requirements?   Can existing training be upscaled if required? |  |
| 1. What should be the model/provider of national oversight of the training to ensure the ongoing quality of the training, consistency of training across all training providers and maintenance of currency of knowledge once training is completed? |  |
| 1. How would accredited pharmacists make the transition into the role of an on-site pharmacist in a residential aged care home? |  |
| **Theme 3: Development of health outcome indicators and associated reporting** | |
| **Question** | **Response** |
| 1. What outcome indicators should be included in addition to the Aged Care Quality Indicators for medication management, e.g. specific indicators on inappropriate antimicrobial use, anticholinergic load reduction? |  |
| 1. Are there any barriers to the on-site pharmacist working with the Medicines Advisory Committee, and if so, how can they be addressed? |  |
| **Theme 4: Transition from services funded under the Seventh Community Pharmacy Agreement Pharmacy Programs** | |
| **Question** | **Response** |
| 1. What support will residential aged care homes require with this transition, in addition to the on-site pharmacist? |  |
| 1. What is the optimum period of time required for this transition, i.e. how long do you think the Residential Medication Management Review and Quality Use of Medicines Program services funded under the 7CPA Pharmacy Programs should continue at residential aged care facilities that have engaged an on-site pharmacist? |  |
| **Do you have any other comments or feedback?** | |
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