

Department of Health and Aged Care
Stage 1 release – Service List
Consultation via Online Form Submission

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Dear Ms Wells

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback in relation to the Stage 1 Release – Service List Consultation.

Our questions and feedback relate to Division 8 – Residential care service types.

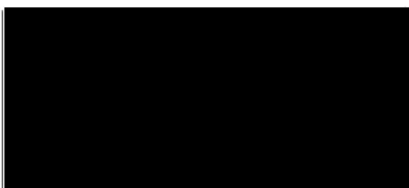
60 Residential clinical care

Item	Service	Description	Question
1	Care and service plan oversight	(c) progress against the care and services plan goals is monitored	What definition is applied to “progress” or how will this be measured?
2	Rehabilitation, allied health and fitness therapy programs	(d) (ii) if needed, more focused restorative care therapy on a temporary basis designed to allow the individual to reach a level of independence at which maintenance therapy will meet their needs; but not including intensive, long-term rehabilitation services required following (for example) serious illness or injury, surgery or trauma	What is the definition of “temporary”?
	furnishings	(e) a recliner chair, with arms, that meets the individual’s care, safety and comfort needs (including a chair with particular features if needed, such as an air, water or gel chair);	This is a change from the Quality Care Principles 2014, where a chair with arms was the only requirement. The resident provided a recliner chair to meet their needs. Will there be additional funding to cover the addition of this recliner chair provided?

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6	General access to allied health services	(a) making arrangements for allied health professionals to visit the individual for any necessary allied health appointments (but not the cost of the appointments or any gap payments charged for the appointments);	This is a change from the Quality Care Principles 2014 where the Residential Aged Care home paid the cost of allied health visits. Apart from Physiotherapy or Occupational Therapist does this now mean the resident will be responsible for the cost of speech therapy, podiatry, dietician, mental health etc.?

With the changes proposed with the service list, some concerns have been raised for smaller, stand-alone, not-for-profit providers and their longer-term financial sustainability. Although there has been an increase in the price of the AN-ACC funding, with the additional services and equipment to be provided this may have a substantial impact financially for smaller providers.

Please do not hesitate to contact us directly if you would like any additional information.



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