

## **Aged Care Rules 2024 - Feedback submission**

- 1) Given the list of allied health professionals will expand as new allied health groups are approved by the Allied Health Professions Australia it would be more appropriate to include a statement "**Allied Health as approved by AHPA**". Recreational Therapy is in the process of being approved so it would be a missed opportunity not to include them in your list of Allied Health professionals (Division 2 – Home support services types (32) Allied health and therapy)
- 2) Section 5 - Part 2 (5) Definitions - Allied Health assistant - **should also include Certificate IV in Leisure and Health** - as they also work as AH assistants to Recreational Therapists
- 3) Section 33 – Assistance with transition care – (1) Transition care management (b) **(ii) expand to include recreation/leisure - to read "spiritual, social, leisure, recreation and cultural activities"**
- 4) Section 34 (8) change to **"spiritual, social, leisure, recreation and cultural activities"**
- 5) Section 39 (2) **add in d) to enable the individual to participate in leisure and recreation based programs and activities.**
- 6) Section 45 Services in the service type social support and community engagement – add in leisure and recreation to the following:
  - 1) Group social support – support in a group setting to facilitate meeting the individuals need for social contact or company, **involvement in leisure based activities** and participation in community life (including diverse cultural activities), including service and activity identification and linkage.
  - 2) Individual social support – as per above
    - b) assistance to participate in social interactions **and recreational programs** (in-person or online)  
**ADD: d) involvement in leisure education programs to facilitate increased involvement in the community and leisure based activities.**
  - 3) Accompanied activities – (a) meeting the individual’s need for social contact or company, **participation in leisure based activities** and participation in community life .....
  - 4) Cultural support – Culturally focused support to facilitate meeting the individual’s need for social contact or company, **involvement in leisure based activities** and participation in community life (including diverse cultural activities), ....
  - 5) Digital education and support – Technology focused support to facilitate meeting the individuals need for social contact or company, **involvement in leisure based activities** and participation in community life (including diverse cultural activities), ....
- 7) Section 47 – (3) **change** Diversional Therapy to **Recreational Therapy** – Diversional Therapy is no longer used as the name of the qualification is Recreational Therapy
- 8) Section 60 – Services in the service type residential non-clinical care

(7) (a) Add in leisure and recreational activity to read – **at least one social, leisure or recreational activity each day that is not screen-based, television-based or meal-based and is based on resident assessment.**

**(c) Add – designed by a qualified health professional**

**(d) Add – delivered in individual or group settings**

**(e) delivered by, or under the supervision, direction or appropriate delegation of, health professionals; and**

**(f) aimed at maintaining the individual’s engagement in leisure, recreation and social activities that support overall wellbeing.**

9) Section 60 – Services in the service type residential; clinical care

(5) Dementia and cognition management

Replace (b) with the following: **ongoing support (including specific support strategies) to motivate and enable the individual to take part in specifically designed leisure, recreation and social activities and / or to take part in general activities of the residential care home**

**Definitions** - diverse cultural activities – (c) individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans/transgender or intersex or other sexual orientations, gender diverse or bodily diverse. **These group of people are key group of diverse people however their identity is not Culture. Change terminology to “Diverse inclusive activities” and include all communities and key characteristics groups or remove (c) from your list. Refer to The Aged Care Diversity Framework for key groups**