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Commonwealth Home Support Programme

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Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge the traditional owners on whose land we meet today. We pay our respects to their elders past and present



Today's Presentation

Agenda

Commencement of the CHSP

Outcomes of the consultation process

- *Programme Manual*
- *Fees Policy*
- *Good Practice Guide*

Grant agreement process

DSS Data Exchange

Transition Funding

Next steps



1 July – Commencement of CHSP

On 1 July 2015, the CHSP commenced by bringing together:

- Commonwealth HACCC
 - Planned respite from National Respite for Carers
 - Day Therapy Centres
 - Assistance with Care and Housing for the Aged
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- Key change for providers is the new interaction with My Aged Care



Update on Consultation Process

In March 2015 we released the following documents for sector feedback:

- Draft CHSP Programme Manual
 - Consultation paper for the National Fees Policy
 - Good Practice Guide
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- We worked closely with the NACA and other peak bodies to address issues raised in submission process
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- The final CHSP Programme Manual and Good Practice Guide are available on our website
www.dss.gov.au/chsp



CHSP Programme Manual

Key revisions following sector feedback:

- More information about the interaction between the CHSP and My Aged Care
- Updated information about access to CHSP services for Home Care Package clients
- Grandfathering arrangements for existing clients
- Additional resources and updated illustrative scenarios
- General updates such as 2015 Budget announcements



Fees Consultation Paper

Key revisions following sector feedback:

- The Government has taken on board community feedback and did not proceed with a mandatory fees schedule from 1 July 2015
- We are working with NACA and peak bodies to settle a principle-based fees policy
- The final fees framework will be released shortly



Good Practice Guide

Key revisions following sector feedback:

- More information to describe the characteristics and differences of wellness, reablement and restorative care
- Title changed to: *Living well at home: CHSP Good Practice Guide*
- Additional material to the resources including working with special needs groups



CSIA and SSD

Funding arrangements for CSIA and SSD providers beyond 31 October 2015 have now been confirmed

- We have worked closely with CSIA and SSD providers to confirm current activity and identify misclassified activities
- This was not a cost saving exercise and the majority of funding reviewed was classified into alternative activities
- All CSIA and SSD providers were sent a letter from the Department confirming their funding arrangements



1 November 2015 agreements

We will be working closely with you over the coming months to establish agreements

- We will use as much existing information as possible to streamline process
- The first step will be validating a Service Profile which will inform the grant agreement
- Letters of Offer for a new grant agreement will be disseminated from late August onwards
- Agreements expected to be in place by 1 November 2015



DSS Data Exchange

The DSS Data Exchange is a new programme performance reporting process

- It will replace all existing service activity reporting for the CHSP from 1 November 2015
- Go to www.dss.gov.au/grants/programme-reporting to access existing information and tool for the DSS Data Exchange
- Webinars for CHSP providers and IT Vendors will be held in August and September on the DSS Data Exchange.



Transition Funding

\$20 million is being allocated to CHSP providers to support the transition to the CSHP

- Funding will be a contribution towards recognised activities already undertaken to transition the new CHSP arrangements
- Letters of Offer will be sent to providers shortly



Next Steps

What's happening now?

Commonwealth Home Support Transition Period

Commencement of the My Aged Care Regional Assessment Service

Establishing CHSP Grant Agreements

What's happening from 1 November 2015?

Commencement of CHSP Grant Agreements

Principle-based fees policy to be applied

What's happening from 2018?

Integration of HCP and CHSP into a single aged care at home programme



Questions



More Information

Available at www.dss.gov.au/chsp



The screenshot shows the Australian Government Department of Social Services website. The header includes the Australian Government logo and the Department of Social Services name. The navigation menu includes Home, About the Department, Our Responsibilities, Grants, Careers, Ministers, and Contact. The main content area is titled "Ageing and Aged Care" and features a "Commonwealth Home Support Programme" section. A sidebar on the left contains a table of contents with links to Overview, Latest News, Aged Care Media Hub, Programs & Services, Aged Care Reform, and various sub-sections under Commonwealth Home Support Programme and My Aged Care.

Commonwealth Home Support Programme

We are laying the foundations for an aged care system that will stand the test of time.

On 1 July 2015, the new Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) will begin. The CHSP is one of the changes being made to help older people stay independent and in their homes and communities for longer.

The CHSP will bring together four programs:

- Commonwealth Home and Community Care (HACC) Program
- National Respite for Carers Program (NRCP)
- Day Therapy Centres (DTC) Program
- Assistance with Care and Housing for the Aged (ACHA) Program

Refer to the ['Overview of existing programs'](#) information sheet for more information about the programs that will be streamlined under the CHSP.

The new CHSP will build on the strengths of the programmes it replaces and will continue to support around 550,000 older people and their carers, every year. Importantly, people receiving services under the existing programmes will continue to receive the same level of support now and when the CHSP begins. CHSP funding will be around \$1.7 billion in 2015-16, which will continue to grow over the coming years, resulting in more services for more people.

The CHSP will be the entry level of Australia's aged care system for older people who need assistance with daily living to remain



Commonwealth Home Support Programme

Information sheet for providers

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Where will the CHSP be implemented?

The CHSP will be implemented in all states and territories.

In the Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland, Tasmania and the Northern Territory, it will include Commonwealth HACC, NRCP, DTC and ACHA.

In Victoria and Western Australia, it will only combine NRCP, DTC and the ACHA. The jointly funded Commonwealth-state HACC programs will continue to be administered by the state governments.

What will happen to existing providers, such as HACC providers from 1 July 2015?

The overwhelming majority of current providers will continue to deliver services under the new CHSP, and receive two years of continued funding until 30 June 2017, including an initial period of transition. Please refer to [Attachment A](#) for more information.

How will the CHSP be structured?

The CHSP will be structured to support four main sub-programmes:

- **Community and Home Support** will provide entry-level services to support older people to live independently at home and in the community, for example meals, domestic assistance and transport.
- **Care Relationships and Carer Support** will support and maintain care relationships between older people and their carers.
- **Assistance with Care and Housing** will support vulnerable clients to remain in the community through accessing appropriate, sustainable and affordable housing and linking them where appropriate, to community care and other support services.
- **Service System Development** will support the development of the community aged care service system in a way that meets the aims of the programme and broader aged care system.

