


National Sector Support Development Network ACCPA Update

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We pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge the important role Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to play across our communities, lands and seas.

WHAT WILL BE COVERED THIS MONTH?

CHSP 23-24 Grant Extensions

Fair Work Commission – pay increase

In-home aged care program design

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Price adjustments

- ACCPA webinar – Thursday 9 February at 3pm-4pm AEDT.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eyZG4w2wmYQ&t=333s>
- Indexation of unit prices
 - Across CHSP, contracts are being increased by 6.35 per cent on average (exc. FWC)
- Fair Work Commission impacts
 - 15% increase from 30 June 2024. Decision on funding/approach pending. ACCPA advocacy.
- Accumulated underspends
 - Providers need to be aware that the practice of rolling over unspent funds has now ceased

CHSP 22-23 Activity vs Contract Outputs

Program Data

- As at 30 November 2022, service delivery is at 71 per cent of contracted outputs (based on a monthly pro-rata, not factoring in seasonal trends).
- The Department's minimum benchmark is at least 80 per cent at any given point in time, noting that providers are subject to a number of economic headwinds at present.
- Assistive Technology, Meals, Specialised Support Services and Home Maintenance are tracking well (>85%)
- Major area of concern is Personal Care and Respite Services (<55%). Flexible Respite is the lowest performer at 39 per cent.
- Department will be investigating underpinning reasons for this in the coming period, and may seek to further adjust contract management arrangements in 2023-24. Analysis is complicated by flexibility provisions.
- CHSP Providers need to have a good understanding of discrepancies in delivered vs contracted activity outputs

Fair Work Commission – Work Value Case

- **Stage 2 Decision** – implementation of interim 15% wage increase to identified employee classifications from 30 June 2023.
- Government to consider funding arrangements for increase.
- ACCPA meeting with Minister and Department officials – funding and implementation.
- Advocacy focus
 - Full funding from 30 June 2023
 - Oncosts above wage increases
 - CHSP/HCP implementation approach (early advice to assess impacts)
 - Harmonisation of funding uplift aligned to veterans HC and NDIS programs

In-Home Aged Care Program Design

- DHAC present brief to cabinet this month. High level position.
 - Seeking approval on high level program design
 - Seeking approval on budget expenditure?
 - Advocacy - risk/mitigation on HC reform implementation schedule (SSDO input?)
- Recent consultation activity (care management, short term/episodic care)
 - ACCPA confidential CM submission (HC Policy Working Group input)
- Assessment trial – Apr-Jun 23, 20K+ assessments
 - Validity check - Delphi assessments via expert group on clinical client profiles/assessment classifications
- DHAC post budget roadshow/consultations (Jun23)
 - 33 engagements in 30 days to discuss design detail/transition?
 - Draft thin market grant guidelines (post budget?)
- IHACPA – HC advisory group
 - Draft price schedule (Sept23)

CHSP provider transition – risk assessment/mitigation

- ACCPA risk assessment tool
 - Key areas of concern and suggested solutions, noting Government's July 2024 schedule
 - Risk assessment matrix - likelihood of occurrence vs adverse consequence
 - Evidence will be important – case examples or quantitative data
- Issues for smaller CHSP providers in transition to NDIS – risk-related response
- Examples of risks for program design/implementation
 - Assessment/reassessment – workforce constraints vs timely assessments
 - Service access/availability – workforce constraints vs unit costing
 - Multi-provider support plans – ICT service coordination, regulation
 - Unit level activity, claim & payment B2G processes
- SSDO completion of ACCPA risk tool by 10am, Monday 13 March
 - Email troy.speirs@accpa.asn.au

Thank you
