

# Home and Community Care in Victoria in Transition

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## **Context – Commonwealth taking responsibility for home and community care services for older people**

- In 2016, at a date to be agreed, the Commonwealth will assume responsibility for home and community care services for people aged 65+ (50+ for indigenous people) in Victoria
  - includes home nursing, allied health, assistance at home and social support
- Key providers are local councils, health services, community health services and community organisations.

# Services for younger people

- Victoria will retain responsibility for services for people under the age of 65.
- The NDIS will be implemented across Victoria from 1 July 2016.
- There will be a continuing social care response for people under the age of 65 who are not eligible for the NDIS.

# Timing of Transition

- Victoria and the Commonwealth have been developing a Transition Agreement for services for older people.
- The Transition Agreement establishes the parameters for the revision of roles and responsibilities.
- It is planned to be finalised in June/July of 2015.
- The Transition date will be agreed at that point.

# What does this mean for service providers now?

- Existing arrangements will remain in place until further notice
- Your organisation will be offered a three year DHHS service agreement to continue to provide HACCC services from 1 July 2015.
- We will notify you as soon as the transition date has been agreed.

# Transition Arrangements

- Once the Transition Agreement has been finalised, DHHS and DSS will work together to establish the division of resources between older and younger people for each agency.
- We will talk to you about what that looks like.
- Once you have agreed that the split in resources looks right, your DHHS HACCC service plan will be varied to take effect from the agreed date (yet to be finalised).

# Community Transport in Victoria

- Community transport - an important service for all sorts of people who do not have good access to public or other forms of transport.
- The HACC program - one of many sources of funding for community transport in Victoria
- HACC approach – transport is incidental to other services such as social support, volunteer services and help at home.
  - A flexible response to the needs of people in the target group, including taking them to medical appointments
- Local Councils are significant funders and managers of community transport as well.

# Community Transport in the Commonwealth Home Support Program

- Verso's review of Community Transport recommended that transport for non-emergency medical purposes such as oncology, renal dialysis and other hospital based treatments, should be outside the scope of the CHSP.
- Victoria is concerned that this would result in a significant narrowing of scope.

# Community Transport in the Commonwealth Home Support Program

- The CHSP draft programme manual indicates that the Commonwealth wants to move in this direction.
- States and Territories have sought and received assurances from DSS that no change will be made to the definition of community transport without consultation with them.
- There have been no discussions as yet.

# Questions?

Questions about HACC Transition:

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Questions about National Disability Insurance Scheme

see [www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au)

Questions about Commonwealth Home Support

Program see <https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/ageing-and-aged-care/aged-care-reform/commonwealth-home-support-programme>

Questions about My Aged Care see

<http://www.myagedcare.gov.au/>