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FACT SHEET NO. 2

The facts on Remuneration for Medication Reviews

Introduction

Remunerated medication review services include those provided to:

- Residents of Aged Care Facilities (ACF) (permanent residents of Australian Government funded facilities, including those in flexible care arrangements (transitional care facilities) who are not eligible for a Home Medicines Review (HMR) – a Residential Medication Management Review (RMMR)
- Clients of the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) who are living in the community
- Consumers living at home – Home Medicines Review (HMR) (previously known as a Domiciliary Medicines Management Review (DMMR)).

Accreditation and Approval

For Commonwealth remuneration to apply, the pharmacist who conducts the medication review must be accredited by an approved body, such as the AACCP. Owners of community pharmacies approved to supply pharmaceutical benefits under Section 90 of the *National Health Act 1953* do not need to be accredited to be an approved **Pharmacy Programs Administrator** Program Provider, but must have access to an accredited pharmacist, register as a **Pharmacy Programs Administrator Program Service Provider**, have read the program specific guidelines specific to the individual program and agree to the terms and conditions.

Independent accredited pharmacists are also eligible to become approved **Pharmacy Programs Administrator** MMR (both HMR and RMMR) service providers. In order to be eligible, independent accredited pharmacists need to also complete the online registration form, read the program specific guidelines and agree to the terms and conditions.

Registration forms are available to be downloaded from the Pharmacy Programs Administrator website at: <https://www.ppaonline.com.au/>

Agreement

The agreement with an Aged Care Facility to provide medication reviews is separate to any agreement for the provision of dispensing or other pharmacy services.

To become an approved RMMR service provider, an RMMR Service Agreement must be in place. An RMMR Service Agreement is an agreement between a prospective RMMR service provider and an ACF or multi purpose service (MPS), for the provision of RMMR services.

All Australian Government funded residential ACFs or MPS are eligible to obtain access to RMMR services including those in flexible care arrangements (transitional care facilities). The approved RMMR service provider is responsible for ensuring that the agreement entered into with the ACF or MPS constitutes a valid RMMR Service Agreement. The approved RMMR service provider ensures RMMR services are conducted by an Accredited Pharmacist

who is able to respond appropriately to requests from the resident's GP, AC or MPS, and that such services adhere to recognised professional standards. Copies of agreements are available from the **Pharmacy Programs Administrator** website at: <https://www.ppaonline.com.au/programs>

Remuneration

- **Residential Aged Care Facilities:** Providers (i.e. those who hold the agreement with the facility) are remunerated directly from funds held by the **Pharmacy Programs Administrator**. All claims for payment are submitted online via the **Pharmacy Programs Administrator** registration and claiming portal at <https://app.ppaonline.com.au/home>
Accredited pharmacists may hold this agreement or be employed by or contracted to the pharmacist, pharmacy or business which holds the agreement.
- **HMR:** The approved HMR Service Provider nominated by the consumer to receive the GP referral receives the remuneration. GPs can provide an HMR referral directly to an accredited pharmacist who has been approved as a **Pharmacy Programs Administrator** HMR service provider, as well as to a patient's usual community pharmacy. Those accredited pharmacists who are not community pharmacy owners have agreements or employee contracts covering their remuneration for HMRs referred to section 90 pharmacies. All claims for payments are submitted online via the **Pharmacy Programs Administrator** registration and claiming portal at <https://app.ppaonline.com.au/home>

Payment and contracting – accessing remunerated services as at 1 July 2018

Type of MMR	Fee	Paid to:	Accredited Pharmacist contracts with:
Residential Aged Care Facility (RMMR)	\$111.09 (indexed annually) for each eligible service (GST exempt). Generally, an RMMR service is provided once every 2 years, unless there is a major change to the resident's medical condition or medication regimen.	PPA RMMR approved service provider, either pharmacist or business that has the RMMR service agreement with the facility.	Aged Care Facility, approved through the PPA , or business that has RMMR service agreement with facility.
Home Medicines Review (HMR)	\$219.69 (indexed annually) per review (GP identifies clinical need) HMR Rural Allowance payable by the PPA for patients living within PhARIA 2 to 6. See https://www.ppaonline.com.au/programs/medication-management-programs/home-medicines-review	PPA HMR Approved Service Provider either section 90 pharmacy or independent accredited pharmacist.	The Commonwealth, through the PPA , if approved HMR service provider or Approved HMR Service Provider as their employee or contractor.