



# Community Nursing BULLETIN No. 38

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## FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ALL DVA COMMUNITY NURSING STAFF

This bulletin is being issued to provide an update to Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Community Nursing (CN) providers about the COVID-19 pandemic provisions as outlined in the Notes for Community Nursing providers.

### Changes to the current COVID-19 pandemic provisions

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) have reviewed the existing COVID-19 pandemic provisions in anticipation of their expiry on 30 September 2022. Whilst the pandemic has eased, DVA understands that workforce pressures remain, therefore a number of provisions have been extended to enable continued flexibility of service delivery. The changes are outlined below.

Notes for CN Providers reference	Provision	Expiry date
<b>PERMANENT IMPLEMENTATION</b>		
Section 4 – <i>Care Environment</i>	Remote delivery of Community Nursing services	n/a
<b>EXTENSION UNTIL 30 JUNE 2023</b>		
Section 5.3.1 – <i>Registered Nurses and Enrolled Nurses</i>	Suspension of 3 Year Experience Rule for RNs and ENs during the COVID-19 Pandemic Period	30 June 2023
Section 5.3.2 – <i>Personal Care Workers</i>	Employment of Student Nurses as Personal Care Workers during the COVID-19 Pandemic Period	30 June 2023
Section 5.3.3 – <i>First Aid and CPR</i>	Infection control training requirements during the COVID-19 Pandemic Period	30 June 2023

Section 7.4 – <i>Personal Care Schedule</i>	Clinical Wellbeing Checks for the duration of the COVID-19 Pandemic Period	30 June 2023
Section 8.2 – <i>28 day review</i>	Changes to 28 Day Reviews for the duration of the COVID-19 Pandemic	30 June 2023
<b>EXPIRING 30 SEPTEMBER 2022</b>		
Section 5.3.3 – <i>First Aid and CPR</i>	Re-certification and assessment training requirements during the COVID-19 Pandemic Period	30 September 2022
Section 6.2 – <i>Nursing Care Plan</i>	Business continuity plans	30 September 2022
	Individual pandemic plans	30 September 2022

### Updates to Contact Details

If you have any changes to contact or other provider details, please contact the Community Nursing Contracts team via email at: [Community.Nursing.Contracts@dva.gov.au](mailto:Community.Nursing.Contracts@dva.gov.au)