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The *Community Nursing Newsletter* is being issued to provide updates to Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Community Nursing (CN) providers about DVA's CN program.

Aged Care Sector Wage Increase

The Community Nursing Schedule of Fees is being updated following the Fair Work Commission's decision on the [Aged Care Work Value](#) case to increase award wages for:

- Registered nurses
- Enrolled nurses
- Assistants in nursing
- Personal care workers / home care workers.

The wage increase applies to workers on the:

- Aged Care Award 2010
- Nurses Award 2020
- Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010.



This is part of the recent Budget announcement that the Australian Government is investing \$11.3 billion in funding to support increased wages for aged care workers. This funding includes an investment of \$82.5 million for veterans' care programs, to increase fees payable to providers under the Community Nursing (CN) and Veterans' Home Care (VHC) programs.

The increase will apply to fees for all direct care services, including clinical nursing and personal care provided through the CN program, as well as impacted services delivered under the VHC Program.

The updated CN Schedule of Fees, effective 1 July 2023, is attached and will be added to the CN pages of the DVA website.

Additional funding will also be made available to CN and VHC providers to fund historical leave liabilities as a result of the Fair Work Commission's decision. DVA is working closely with the Department of Health and Aged Care, as the lead agency on this matter, and further information about this will be made available as soon as possible.

CN Client and Carer Survey

The second Community Nursing program client and carer feedback survey was conducted in July – August 2022.

The purposes of the survey series are to collect feedback from a sample of current clients and their carers, and to identify trends over time. It was pleasing to see continued high levels of satisfaction with the Community Nursing services you provide.

Please visit [Community nursing services – general information](#) for more information about the survey.



Changes to Contact Details



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