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

Ensuring the Sustainability of Veterans' In-home Care and Support Programs

On 14 May 2024 as part of the 2024-25 Budget, the Australian Government announced a commitment of \$48.4 million over two years to support continued access to in-home care and support services for veterans and war widow(er)s under the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Community Nursing (CN) and Veterans' Home Care (VHC) programs.

DVA will provide sustainability payments to DVA contracted CN and VHC service providers over a two year period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2026, in recognition of increasing market pressures, enabling continuity of services for the veteran community.

This commitment will support providers to deliver high quality care and support that enables DVA clients to continue living in their own home, and reduce the likelihood of early admission to residential aged care.

How will the funding be distributed?

Providers who deliver CN and/or VHC services are eligible to receive this payment under each program for the clients they have delivered services to.

The funding will be payable each quarter based on the number of clients who have received services.

Payments will commence from the first quarter of the 2024-25 financial year.

Providers will be eligible for the payment irrespective of the number of veterans they provide services to, or the level of services provided.

Further information is available in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document attached.

