



Veterans' Entitlements Treatment Principles Amendment (Sustainability Payments) Determination 2024

I, Matthew James Keogh, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, approve for the purposes of subsection 90(6) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, the amendments by the Repatriation Commission of the *Treatment Principles* in the following instrument.

Dated 25 of June 2024

Matthew James Keogh
Minister for Veterans' Affairs

The Repatriation Commission, under subsection 90(5) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, makes the amendments of the *Treatment Principles* in the following instrument.

Dated 20 of June 2024

The Seal of the
Repatriation Commission
was affixed to this instrument
in the presence of:

Alison Frame
President

Mark Brewer
AM CSC and Bar
Acting Deputy President

Gwen Cherne
Commissioner

Kahlil Fegan
DSC AM
Commissioner

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Veterans' Entitlements Treatment Principles Amendment (Sustainability Payments) Determination 2024*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after the day it is registered.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 90(5) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Treatment Principles (No. R52/2013)

1 Paragraph 1.4.1, definition of “approved provider” (first occurring)

after

“approved provider”

insert

, in relation to the *Veterans’ Home Care Program* (Part 7.3A),

2 After subpart 7.3

insert

7.3AA Sustainability payments—community nursing

7.3AA.1 This subpart deals with a quarterly payment made to a *community nursing provider* (a *sustainability payment*):

- (a) for the costs incurred by the provider in delivering care coordination and management necessary for the provision of a *community nursing service* in a quarter taking place between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2026 (the *service period*); and
- (b) that is to be paid:
 - (i) as soon as is reasonably practicable after the end of the quarter, within the service period, for the costs incurred in the quarter; and
 - (ii) between 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2026.

7.3AA.2 The *Commission* will, on its own initiative, pay a sustainability payment to a *community nursing provider*, for a quarter within the service period, if:

- (a) the provider delivered a *community nursing service* to an *entitled person* in accordance with this Part at any time during the quarter; and
- (b) the service was delivered under an agreement with the *Commission* that was in force at the time the eligibility for the payment is determined.

7.3AA.3 A sustainability payment for a quarter within the service period that is payable to a *community nursing provider* under paragraph 7.3AA.2 is worked out using the following steps:

- (a) work out the number of *entitled people* who received a *community nursing service*:
 - (i) from the provider in each calendar month during the quarter; and

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- (ii) for which the *Commission* has accepted financial responsibility;
 - (b) multiply the number worked out under paragraph (a) by the amount determined, in writing, by the *Commission* for this paragraph.

7.3AA.4 To remove any doubt, for the purposes of paragraph 7.3AA.3(a), an *entitled person* is counted once for a calendar month even if the person received a *community nursing service* from a particular provider on more than one occasions in the calendar month.

3 After subpart 7.3A

insert

7.3B Sustainability payments—Veterans' Home Care Program

7.3B.1 This subpart deals with a quarterly payment made to an *approved provider* for the *Veterans' Home Care Program* (a *sustainability payment*):

- (a) for the costs incurred by the provider in delivering care coordination and management necessary for the provision of a service under the program in a quarter taking place between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2026 (the *service period*); and
- (b) that is to be paid:
 - (i) as soon as is reasonably practicable after the end of the quarter, within the service period, for the costs incurred in the quarter; and
 - (ii) between 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2026.

7.3B.2 The *Commission* will, on its own initiative, pay a sustainability payment to an *approved provider*, for a quarter within the service period, if:

- (a) the provider delivered a service under the program to an *entitled person* in accordance with this Part at any time during the quarter; and
- (b) the service was delivered under an agreement with the *Commission* that was in force at the time the eligibility for the payment is determined.

7.3B.3 A sustainability payment for a quarter within the service period that is payable to an *approved provider* under paragraph 7.3B.2 is worked out using the following steps:

- (a) work out the number of *entitled people* who received a service under the program:
 - (i) from the provider in each calendar month during the quarter; and

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- (ii) for which the *Commission* has accepted financial responsibility;
 - (b) multiply the number worked out under paragraph (a) by the amount determined, in writing, by the *Commission* for this paragraph.

7.3B.4

To remove any doubt, for the purposes of paragraph 7.3B.3(a), an *entitled person* is counted once for a calendar month even if the person received a service under the program from a particular provider on more than one occasions in the calendar month.