

## Palliative Care – Bethlehem Community Palliative Care Service (BCPCS)

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<b>Program</b>	External program
<b>Program code</b>	BETHM (non-financial program).
<b>Definition</b>	Bethlehem Community Palliative Care Service (BCPCS) provides interdisciplinary care and case management to people in the end stages of a terminal illness.  BCPCS and RDNS have a Shared Care Agreement.
<b>Responsibility</b>	RDNS general.
<b>Referrals</b>	<i>To</i> RDNS centres and BETHM. <i>From</i> BCPCS
<b>RDNS centres covered</b>	Caulfield and Moorabbin.
<b>Type of service</b>	Palliative care – shared care between BCPCS and RDNS.  Multi-disciplinary team includes social workers, nurses, bereavement councillors, pastoral care, music therapy and medical consultant.
<b>Eligibility/criteria for accepting referral</b>	Progressive terminal illness with a prognosis less than six months.  <i>Overseas visitors</i> As determined by BCPCS.
<b>Health insurance</b>	Some health insurance policies may cover visits by RDNS. Clients need to liaise with their insurance company.
<b>Fees</b>	RDNS charge as per the HACC fees policy provided in the <i>RDNS Financial Agreement form</i> (refer to <i>RDNS policy reference</i> below).  BCPCS does not charge a fee for their service.
<b>Liaison charge</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Consumables</b>	Client is responsible for the cost of consumables.
<b>Continuity of care/Core</b>	Not applicable.

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<b>Access responsiveness</b>	Prioritisation according to need.  All BCPCS clients will have a <i>Site Assessment Tool (SAT)</i> completed on admission.
<b>RDNS policy reference</b>	CP-B05 <i>Managing a shared care client with external organisations</i>  CP-B06 <i>Determining client fees</i>
<b>Contract/agreement</b>	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Manager Community Palliative Care and GM/DON South/East Region.  <i>Contract responsibility</i> GM/DON South/East Region.  <i>Contact responsibility</i> Centre Managers – Caulfield, Moorabbin and Springvale. General Manager/Director of Nursing South/East Region.  <i>Expiry date</i> 2005
<b>Other programs permitted</b>	Yes
<b>Comments</b>	The nursing component of the care is equally divided between the staff of BCPCS and RDNS.  BCPCS utilise the RDNS client care records when the client is being provided with care from both agencies.
<b>Reference/source of information</b>	Palliative Care Clinical Nurse Consultant based at RDNS centre Caulfield.
<b>Current HACC subsidisation</b>	Not applicable.

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