

Hospital in the Home (HITH)

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Program	External program
Program code	A program code is established for each HITH program (financial programs).
Definition	<p>Hospital in the Home is the provision of hospital care in the comfort of the person's own home.</p> <p>Patients are regarded as hospital inpatients and remain under the jurisdiction care of their treating doctor in the hospital.</p> <p>Patients receive the same technical treatment that they would have received had they been in a hospital bed.</p> <p>HITH is available to public patients from the 42 participating public hospitals across the state, along with some private hospitals.</p>
Responsibility	RALLY Healthcare.
Referrals	<p><i>To</i> RALLY Healthcare.</p> <p><i>From</i> Public and private hospitals.</p>
Type of service	<p>Types of service include, but are not limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All intravenous antibiotics – may be given via a cannula, central line or pump (always HITH) • Chemotherapy and fluids – e.g. 5FU via a pump or ARA-C/GCSF as subcutaneous injection, (always HITH) • Anti-coagulation therapy – e.g. Clexane injections. This includes pre and post-operative administration. (Can be considered for ongoing HACC if Clexane is long term and required in lieu of oral medication, e.g. Warfarin. Initial stabilisation would be considered HITH) • Home Insulin stabilisation • Some wound care – e.g. staple removal, post-op wounds such as hernia repair (see <i>Appendix 1 – RDNS position on drain and peg tubes/catheter care</i>) • Vac-system dressings (always HITH)

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Eligibility/criteria for accepting referral	<p>Assessed as being clinically suitable.</p> <p>Have appropriate support in the home, i.e. Carer availability.</p> <p>Have a suitable home environment.</p> <p>Chooses to be treated in HITH.</p> <p>The client does not require 24 hour monitoring.</p> <p>Emergency contacts are available and are clearly documented.</p> <p>Security assessment has been determined.</p> <p>Clarified 'not for resuscitation orders'.</p> <p>Individual medical orders and adrenalins are available for the management of anaphylaxis (see RDNS Policy CP-N01 <i>Anaphylaxis</i>).</p>
<i>Overseas visitors</i>	Not applicable.
Health insurance	Not applicable.
Fees	The purchaser (referral source) pays agreed fee (as per RALLY Healthcare fee schedule) while program is active.
Liaison charge	Not involved in referrals unless negotiated on FFS basis.
Consumables	Provided by HITH.
Continuity of care/Core	Not applicable.
Access responsiveness	Negotiated around purchaser request.
RDNS policy reference	<p>CP-B06 <i>Determining client fees</i></p> <p>CP-B07 <i>Billing fee for service programs</i></p>
Contract/agreement	Development of service agreements is the responsibility of RALLY Healthcare.
<i>Contract responsibility</i>	CEO
<i>Contact responsibility</i>	RALLY Healthcare Operations Manager.
<i>Expiry date</i>	As per individual contract.
Other programs permitted	No other programs permitted.

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Comments

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Participating hospital and hospital contacts attached (refer to *Appendix 2 – Hospital in the Home program and Program Managers*).

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