

Post Acute Care (PAC)

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Program External program

Program code Each Post Acute Care program has its own individual program code (financial program).

Definition PAC provides individually tailored packages of care to patients, from acute or sub acute public facilities who are needing additional support to assist in their recuperation following discharge from hospital.

There is no specific time limit for PAC services. However, PAC is intended to be a short-term intervention designed to assist patients to recuperate following a hospital episode of care and to facilitate their independence or transition to continuing care where required (usually for a period of up to 28 days).

RDNS requests funding according to assessed need and RDNS classification (see below).

Client need	History of HACC services to client	Appropriate funding	Ongoing care options at completion of PAC episode
Post acute need	No immediate HACC service prior to hospital episode	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PAC funding to support care needs resulting from the hospital episode HACC funding if new basic maintenance and support needs for HACC-eligible clients are identified (ie. care needs not related to the hospital episode) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HACC services if client is eligible negotiate additional PAC funding if acute need is continuing GP care self care self-funded care (FFS)
	Received HACC services immediately prior to hospital episode	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PAC funding to support additional care needs HACC funding for pre-existing needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HACC services for ongoing needs negotiate additional PAC funding if acute need is continuing

PAC programs may fund care needs for HACC-eligible clients with no PAC needs in the event of a service delivery delay.

Responsibility As per the table above.

Referrals *To* As per responsibility for care in table above.

From PAC Coordinators or RDNS Liaison staff.

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Type of service	Provision of personal care, nursing and allied health visits to eligible PAC clients. See also <i>Appendix 1 – RDNS position on drain and peg tubes/catheter care.</i>
Eligibility/criteria for accepting referral	The purchaser determines eligibility.
<i>Overseas visitors</i>	Not applicable.
Health insurance	Not applicable.
Fees	Fee for Service rates are charged to the PAC program purchaser. Continuity of Care HACC visits are charged to the client as per the HACC fee schedule.
Liaison charge	Nil applicable.
Consumables	Case Manager or the client is responsible.
Continuity of care/Core	For HACC eligible clients receiving HACC services prior to admission to hospital, these services will be maintained at existing levels during and following the PAC episode at no charge to the PAC program. Where additional services are required for post acute care, they will be charged to the PAC program. For clients with no record of service prior to admission to hospital, who are HACC-eligible and whose needs relate to basic maintenance and support and not the hospital episode, these services will be charged to the client as per the HACC fee schedule. For clients with no record of service prior to admission to hospital and who have a post acute care need only, these services will be charged to the PAC program.
Access responsiveness	As required according to need and RDNS or RALLY Healthcare resources.
RDNS policy reference	CP-B06 <i>Determining client fees</i> CP-B07 <i>Billing fee for service programs</i> CP-B11 <i>Discharging a client</i> CP-B01 <i>Intake screening and assessment for RDNS care</i>
Contract/agreement	Individual client agreement.
<i>Contract responsibility</i>	CEO (refer to <i>Appendix 3 – Name of Incumbent</i>).
<i>Contact responsibility</i>	General Manager/Director of Nursing South and East Regions and North and West Regions. (Refer to <i>Appendix 3 – Name of Incumbent</i>).
<i>Expiry date</i>	

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Other programs permitted

DVA clients are eligible for PAC programs. They should be registered on the PAC program while the PAC episode of care is current, not DVA.

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Linkages

RITH (home-based rehabilitation ambulatory care programs but not inpatient substitution programs).

Comments

Reference/source of information

health.vic.gov.au/pac

Continuing Care Programs Section.

PAC (policy guidelines to be provided at a later date).

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Current HACC subsidisation

Yes

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