

School Health – Provision of nursing services within the school environment

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Program

Program code	1. RALLY Healthcare Financial Class R1. 2. As per individual program codes.
Definition	1. Provision of individual nursing services within both government and independent school environments where the nursing care is required to support school attendance. 2. Provision of block nursing services within the school environment as requested by individual schools.
Responsibility	RALLY Healthcare.
Referrals	<i>To</i> RALLY Healthcare. <i>From</i> Acute hospitals, general practitioners, schools and parents (self referral).
Type of service	General nursing care including first aid, medication administration, catheterisation and other nursing care as assessed.
Eligibility/criteria for accepting referral	As determined by purchaser (individual school).
<i>Overseas visitors</i>	Not applicable.
Health insurance	Not applicable.
Fees	Services provided on a FFS basis as per RALLY Healthcare fee schedule.
Liaison charge	Not applicable.
Consumables	1. Supplied by parents/guardian of the individual children requiring care. 2. Supplied by the purchasing school.
Continuity of care/Core	Not applicable.
Access responsiveness	Negotiated according to referral request and client need.
RDNS policy reference	Not applicable.

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Contract/agreement	Development of Service Agreement is the responsibility of RALLY Healthcare.
<i>Contract responsibility</i>	General Manager/Director of Nursing and Operations Manager RALLY Healthcare.
<i>Contact responsibility</i>	General Manager/Director of Nursing.
<i>Expiry date</i>	
Other programs permitted	Nil
Comments	<p>Nursing services are often provided in the school environment due to the convenience of the visiting nurse. Under these circumstances services may be funded by the HACC program or another funded program (e.g. HITH) if the recipient of care meets the eligibility criteria of the specific program.</p> <p>Nursing services are funded by the school only when the care is essential to support the child's attendance at the school or where the school choose to purchase 'block' hours from RALLY Healthcare.</p> <p>The School Health program applies to government schools only. Non-government schools do not have access to government funding for school nursing. A HACC-eligible child attending a non-government school should be charged as per the current HACC fee schedule (see <i>HACC General</i>).</p> <p>Requests for nursing services to be supplied to children while on school camp should be regarded as Fee for Service and as such should be forwarded to RALLY Healthcare.</p>
Reference/source of information	<p>RALLY Healthcare.</p> <p>HACC Program Manual 2003 – 2.11.8.</p>

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