

Specialist Dementia Care Program

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – HEALTH

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule

Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales Victoria Queensland Western Australia South Australia Tasmania Australian Capital Territory Northern Territory
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2027.
Purpose	<p>a) This Schedule will support delivery of the Commonwealth Specialist Dementia Care Program (SDCP) through the provision of specialist clinical in-reach care and support up to 35 specialist dementia care units established within identified existing residential aged care homes and includes the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) delivery of specialist clinical advice and support (psychogeriatrician/geriatrician or suitable alternative) for SDCP residents through participation in the Clinical Review Team¹ of each specialist dementia care unit in the states and territories (States). ii) participation by specialist clinician/s in the Clinical Advisory Committee¹ for each specialist dementia care unit in the States. iii) clinical and partnership support from a representative (Clinical Nurse Consultant or equivalent) of a local health network to support the Clinical Advisory Committee¹ and partnership arrangements between the local health network and SDCP provider.

¹ As defined in the [SDCP Framework](#) available on the Department of Health and Aged Care's website

<p>Estimated financial contributions</p>	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of \$30.36 (GST exclusive) in respect of this Schedule.</p> <hr/> <p>Table 1 (\$ million)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2024-25</th> <th>2025-26</th> <th>2026-27</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Estimated total budget</td> <td>9.94</td> <td>10.12</td> <td>10.30</td> <td>30.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td> <td>9.94</td> <td>10.12</td> <td>10.30</td> <td>30.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>0.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <hr/> <p>Note: (a) As specialist dementia care units are being established at varying stages of this Schedule, funding per jurisdiction will be agreed at the officer level and paid following approval between Commonwealth and State officers.</p>		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Total	Estimated total budget	9.94	10.12	10.30	30.36	<i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i>	9.94	10.12	10.30	30.36	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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<p>Additional terms</p>	<p>a) The Parties agree that the Commonwealth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) has responsibility for the overall implementation, oversight and evaluation of the SDCP. ii) will manage SDCP providers' performance against their respective service delivery grant agreements, and monitoring providers' compliance with the <i>Aged Care Act 1997</i> and superseding legislation. <p>b) The Parties agree that the States will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) establish and maintain networks and partnerships with SDCP providers and Severe Behaviour Response Teams¹. ii) work with SDCP providers in the State to establish memorandums of understanding or similar to support the partnerships. iii) facilitate pathways for Severe Behaviour Response Team¹ assessments to occur within State hospitals or mental health facilities. iv) participate in relevant SDCP forums and governance groups. v) participate in and contribute to evaluation of the SDCP's activities over the life of this Schedule to inform future program delivery. vi) handle a risk or issue identified by the State during the delivery of the activities under this Schedule consistently with the memorandum of understanding or similar with the SDCP provider or with the relevant State Health Service. 																				

vii) where appropriate, escalate a risk or issue to Commonwealth officials where the risk or issue cannot be resolved between the State Health Service or the SDCP provider, or otherwise relates to the design or evaluation of the SDCP.

c) The Parties agree that:

- i) Project Plans will be flexible documents that can be tailored to reflect the specific circumstances of each State and may be varied to accommodate changed circumstances. Any variations to Project Plans that impact milestones and payments under this Schedule must be agreed in writing by all Parties. Other variations or updates to Project Plans are subject to the agreement of senior Commonwealth and State officials.
- ii) Both Parties will monitor, review and take action to manage risks over the life of this Schedule.
- iii) Annual performance reports will not be published; however, a consolidated summary of overall progress may be released periodically and may be included in future program evaluations.

d) The Commonwealth supports the provision of hospital services through the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA). The NHRA provides that the Commonwealth will not fund a service where the same service, or any part of the same service, is otherwise funded by the Commonwealth. States will ensure that any claim for funding under the NHRA is not funding services, or any part of a service, provided for under this Schedule and will maintain appropriate records.

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Due date	Payment
Project Plan	Provision of a detailed Project Plan for all SDCP units operating in the State as at 1 July 2024, developed in consultation with the Commonwealth, outlining the State's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) strategy and timeframes for delivering on the activities of this Schedule, and b) outcomes to be achieved in delivering the activities of this Schedule. 	September 2024	N/A
Payment - one off establishment for each new SDCP unit	Following execution of a service delivery grant agreement between the Commonwealth and the SDCP provider within the State.	Within 2 months after execution of the service delivery grant agreement between the Commonwealth and the SDCP provider.	\$122,640 if paid in 2024-25 \$125,338 if paid in 2025-26 \$128,095 if paid in 2026-27
Project Plan	Provision of a detailed Project Plan for each new SDCP unit, developed in consultation with the Commonwealth, outlining the State's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) strategy and timeframes for delivering on the activities of this Schedule, and b) outcomes to be achieved in delivering the activities of this Schedule. 	Within 2 months of the Commonwealth notifying the State of execution of a service delivery grant agreement between the Commonwealth and the SDCP provider.	N/A
Annual Report 1	Provision of a detailed annual performance report for each SDCP unit against the outcomes outlined in the Project Plan for one of the following periods as applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 1 July 2024 to 28 February 2025, or 	March 2025	N/A

	b) from the date the SDCP unit becomes operational to 28 February 2025.		
Payment 1	Acceptance by the Commonwealth of Annual Report 1 for each SDCP unit.	May 2025 (note: payment to cover full financial year – pro-rated for specialist dementia care units becoming operational during the financial year).	\$277,984
Annual Report 2	Provision of a detailed annual performance report for each SDCP unit against the outcomes outlined in the Project Plan for one of the following periods as applicable: a) 1 March 2025 to 28 February 2026, or b) from the date the SDCP unit becomes operational to 28 February 2026.	March 2026	N/A
Payment 2	Acceptance by the Commonwealth of Annual Report 2 for each SDCP unit.	May 2026 (note: payment to cover full financial year – pro-rated for specialist dementia care units becoming operational during the financial year).	\$284,100
Annual Report 3	Provision of a detailed annual performance report for each SDCP unit against the outcomes outlined in the Project Plan for one of the following periods as applicable: a) 1 March 2026 to 28 February 2027, or b) from the date the SDCP unit becomes operational to 28 February 2027.	March 2027	N/A
Payment 3	Acceptance by the Commonwealth of Annual Report 3 for each SDCP unit.	May 2027 (note: payment to cover full financial year – pro-rated for specialist dementia care units becoming operational during the financial year).	\$290,350
Evaluation	An overall evaluation of the activities undertaken by the State for each SDCP unit and the outcomes achieved under	June 2027	N/A

	<p>this Schedule for one of the following periods as applicable:</p> <p>a) 1 July 2024 to 28 February 2027, or</p> <p>b) from the date the SDCP unit becomes operational to 28 February 2027.</p>		
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Notes

- (a) To be entitled to operational funding for a financial year, each specialist dementia care unit must become operational within that financial year. If the specialist dementia care unit becomes operational in the next financial year, the funding will be provided in that financial year as outlined in Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary.
- (b) A specialist dementia care unit becomes operational on acceptance of its first resident.

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Anika Wells MP

Minister for Aged Care and Sport

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Signed for and on behalf of the State of New South Wales by

The Honourable Ryan Park MP

Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health,
Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast

[Day] [Month] [Year]

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Queensland by

The Honourable Shannon Fentiman MP

Minister for Health, Mental Health and Ambulance
Services, Minister for Women

[Day] [Month] [Year]

Signed for and on behalf of the State of South Australia by

The Honourable Chris Picton MP

Minister for Health and Wellbeing

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Signed for and on behalf of the State of Victoria by

The Honourable Ingrid Stitt MP

Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Ageing,
Minister for Multicultural Affairs

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Signed for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia by

**The Honourable Amber-Jade Sanderson
MLA**

Minister for Health and Mental Health

[Day] [Month] [Year]

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Tasmania by

The Honourable Guy Barnett MP

Attorney General, Minister for Justice, Minister for
Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Minister for
Veterans' Affairs

[Day] [Month] [Year]

*Signed for and on behalf of the Australian
Capital Territory by*



Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA

Minister for Health, Minister for Children, Youth and
Family Services, Minister for Disability, Minister for
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

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6 September 2024

*Signed for and on behalf of the Northern
Territory by*

The Honourable Selena Uibo MLA

Minister for Health, Minister for Remote Housing and
Homelands, Minister for Parks and Rangers, Minister
for Local Decision Making, Minister for Mental
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Employment, Minister for Corporate and Digital
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