

Comprehensive Palliative Care in Aged Care 2024-25 to 2025-26 - NSW

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - HEALTH

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule																	
Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales (NSW)																
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2026.																
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the improved delivery of palliative care services for older Australians living in Residential Aged Care Homes (RACHs) by expanding existing models of care and supporting new approaches to the way care is delivered or commissioned by NSW. This includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focused activities to improve palliative and end of life care coordination for RACH residents, - Provision of training and resources for RACH staff to enhance their capacity to provide palliative and end of life care, and - Support to establish and maintain dedicated palliative and end of life care workforce roles in each local health district to coordinate care for RACH residents. 																
Financial contributions	<p>This is a 50/50 cost-shared funding agreement. The Commonwealth will match the contribution of NSW up to a total of \$7.056 million exclusive of GST over two years (2024/25 – 2025/26). Payments are anticipated to be made in June 2025 and June 2026 following the Commonwealths' provision and acceptance of the Performance Report provided by NSW.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Table 1 (\$ million)</th> <th style="text-align: right;">2024-25</th> <th style="text-align: right;">2025-26</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Estimated total budget</td> <td style="text-align: right;">6.900</td> <td style="text-align: right;">7.212</td> <td style="text-align: right;">14.112</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Commonwealth National Partnership Payment</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;">3.450</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3.606</td> <td style="text-align: right;">7.056</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>New South Wales contribution</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;">3.450</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3.606</td> <td style="text-align: right;">7.056</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Table 1 (\$ million)	2024-25	2025-26	Total	Estimated total budget	6.900	7.212	14.112	<i>Commonwealth National Partnership Payment</i>	3.450	3.606	7.056	<i>New South Wales contribution</i>	3.450	3.606	7.056
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Additional terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For this Schedule, RACHs are a special-purpose facility provides accommodation and personal care 24 hours a day, access to nursing and general healthcare services for senior Australians who can no longer live in their own home as defined under the <i>Aged Care Act</i> 																

	<p>1997. RACHs are accredited by the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission to receive funding from the Australian Government through residential aged care subsidies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Performance reports will be provided by NSW at the times specified in Table 2.• The Health Insurance Act 1973 prohibits the payment of Medicare benefits where other government funding is provided for that service. NSW will ensure any agreement for the provision of services using funding under this agreement recognises and does not contravene the operation of the Health Insurance Act 1973’.• The National Health Reform Agreement (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. NSW will ensure that any claim for funding under the NHRA is not funding services, or any part of a service, provided for under this agreement and will maintain appropriate records.
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Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Commonwealth contribution payment
<p>Demonstrated improvements to delivery of palliative care services for older Australians living in Residential Aged Care Homes (RACHs) in NSW.</p> <p>Focused activities to support improved palliative and end of life care coordination for RACH residents, in each of the 17 local health districts (LHDs)/specialty health networks (SHNs). Activities may include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conducting needs rounds at RACHs. • development and/or translation, and dissemination of palliative care and end of life resources for residents, families or services. • training to enhance capacity of RACH workers to provide palliative and end of life care. • development of local models of care and supporting implementation with RACHs. • provision of support for families of RACH residents. • collaboration with multidisciplinary teams to support development of RACH advance care planning processes. <p>Establish and maintain dedicated palliative and end of life care workforce roles in each LHN and SHN to coordinate care for RACH residents. This includes the recruitment of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least 13 FTE roles with Commonwealth funding; and • at least 13 FTE roles with NSW matched funding. 	<p>Provision and acceptance of performance report outlining the activities undertaken to 30 March 2025 against each output.</p> <p>Performance report – will include details and data on all outputs including but limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of RACHs engaged by LHD and SHN to support coordinated palliative and end of life care for RACH residents • Total number and range of focused activities • Number of palliative and end of life care workforce education and training events provided for RACHs in each LHD and SHN • Number of RACH staff participating in LHD/SHN delivered palliative and end of life care workforce education and training events • Number of completed Advance Care Planning activities completed for RACH residents, including updating or creating Advance Care Directives, and discussing options with residents, families and RACH staff • Number of specialist palliative care services delivered by LHD/SHN to residents of RACHs (services may include face to face consultation and virtual care) • Narrative detail on commenced and completed focused activities that provides rationale for why certain activities align with the unique priorities of the jurisdiction. 	30/04/2025	Up to \$3,450,000 Payment planned June 2025, subject to provision and acceptance of the Performance Report.

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

Signed for and on behalf of the
Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Aged Care

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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

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