

# Strengthening Medicare – Supporting Older Australians (Victoria)

## FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - HEALTH

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth and Victoria
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 October 2028 or upon completion of the initiative(s), including final performance reporting.
Purpose	<p>This agreement's objective is to support older people who are or are at-risk of becoming long stay older patients by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• avoiding hospital presentation and admission;</li> <li>• where hospital admission is necessary, reducing the length of the in-hospital stay;</li> <li>• supporting earlier discharge; and</li> <li>• improving the transition out of hospital to other appropriate care.</li> </ul> <p>This Schedule will support the delivery of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expand Residential In Reach</b> Expansion of short-term hospital in reach services to residential aged care homes statewide.</li> <li>• <b>Pilot Residential In Reach Post Hospitalisation program</b> Short-term intensive clinical in reach support to long stay older patients entering residential aged care homes for the first time.</li> <li>• <b>Supporting residential aged care staff to improve care</b> Training for staff and minor equipment investment for residential aged care homes to support them to care for older people with complex needs.</li> <li>• <b>Pilot Community Health Led Anticipatory Frailty program</b> Multidisciplinary care and clinical care navigation support for older people in community settings.</li> <li>• <b>First Nations Elders Hospital Diversion program</b> Co-design and delivery of elders focused initiatives aimed at addressing local drivers of potentially preventable hospitalisations.</li> <li>• <b>Older Persons Care Hub</b> Multidisciplinary acute and sub-acute geriatric care and assessment in a patients home.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Victorian Virtual Emergency Department pathways to Home Care</b> Care coordination that supports patients to access hospital services in the home and virtual geriatric support care.</li> <li>• <b>Geriatric Emergency Department Innovation</b> Supporting older patients to remain well at home through geriatric assessment and community-based care referrals when they first present to emergency departments.</li> <li>• <b>Residential Aged Care Home Incentive Program</b> Administration of incentive payments to private and not-for-profit residential aged care homes to support the purchase of transitional bed capacity based on local need and local availability.</li> </ul>																								
Estimated financial contributions	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to Victoria of \$144.16m in respect of this Schedule.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="376 824 1385 1115"> <thead> <tr> <th>(\$ million)</th> <th>2024-25</th> <th>2025-26</th> <th>2026-27</th> <th>2027-28</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Estimated total budget</b></td> <td>42.63</td> <td>30.53</td> <td>35.25</td> <td>35.75</td> <td>144.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</td> <td>42.63</td> <td>30.53</td> <td>35.25</td> <td>35.75</td> <td>144.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions-</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>0.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	(\$ million)	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total	<b>Estimated total budget</b>	42.63	30.53	35.25	35.75	144.16	Less estimated National Partnership Payments	42.63	30.53	35.25	35.75	144.16	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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Additional terms	<p>Victoria will ensure the Commonwealth is provided with contemporary information about the expected delivery schedule for each project (expected major milestone delivery dates including completion) and advise the Commonwealth as soon as practicable of any significant deviations from agreed implementation plans.</p> <p>Initiatives delivered through this schedule will be targeted at older Australians aged 65 years and over, or 50 years and over for people who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.</p> <p>The Parties agree that initiatives supported through this Schedule include both pilot programs and expansions of existing programs which are designed to test their effectiveness in supporting older Victorians who are or are at risk of becoming long stay older patients.</p> <p>The Parties agree that information about the outputs delivered under this Schedule and an evaluation of their outcomes will be shared with all states and territories by the Commonwealth. Any data that is to be shared beyond the Commonwealth, will be subject to Victorian review. No unit level or client identifying data will be shared. To inform continuous improvement, the Commonwealth will share data and insights with all</p>																								

states and territories in a timely manner and at least annually.

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. Victoria 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.

The *Health Insurance Act 1973* prohibits the payment of Medicare benefits where other government funding is provided for that service. Victoria will ensure any agreement for the provision of services using funding under this agreement recognises the operation of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

The Parties acknowledge their respective roles and responsibilities in supporting the provision of health and aged care for older Australians in accordance with any relevant health and aged care legislation, intergovernmental agreements and statements.

The Parties agree that Victoria will undertake an evaluation of each initiative funded under this schedule. Victoria will undertake best efforts to align with the nationally agreed evaluation plan (national evaluation plan) agreed for all initiatives funded through the Strengthening Medicare Supporting Older Australians investment. Victoria will determine the methodology for data collection and scope of any additional evaluation criteria. Evaluation findings will be used to inform future policy and program approaches, including suitable funding mechanisms. The evaluation will assess effectiveness and efficiency of initiatives across the desired outcomes:

- to reduce avoidable hospital presentations and admissions of older people; and
- where hospital admission is necessary for older people, to reduce the length of the in-hospital stay, facilitate earlier discharge, and improve their transition out of hospital to other appropriate care.

The Parties agree that Victoria will aim to achieve the identified targets for the initiatives in this schedule noting these may be either pilot programs or expansions of existing programs. The parties agree that, in the instance of not achieving targets, Victoria will provide evidence of reasonable progress and/or evidence of significant unforeseen factors that have impacted delivery of the initiative.

The Parties agree that in the case of initiatives that require planning, no targets may be identified in terms of service output for Year 1 but provided that planning finishes and services are delivered, Victoria will report against any service outputs.

The Parties agree the Expand Residential in Reach initiative funding will serve to establish service coverage across all local government areas in Victoria, expand service offerings in areas with only partial coverage and build the workforce in rural, sub-regional and regional LGAs. Victoria will report against the following targets:

- Year 1:
  - Design and implementation planning activity,
  - nurse practitioner packages and rural / regional geriatric trainees models established.
- Year 2:
  - Services expected to be fully operational statewide
  - 10,889 episodes of care delivered, with the objective of avoiding potential emergency department presentations.
  - 8 nurse practitioner candidate support packages and 5 regional/rural geriatric trainees delivered.<sup>1</sup>
- Year 3:
  - 11,161 episodes of care delivered, with the objective of avoiding potential emergency department presentations.
  - 8 nurse practitioner candidate support packages and 7 regional/rural geriatric trainees delivered.
- Year 4:
  - 11,440 episodes of care delivered, with the objective of avoiding potential emergency department presentations.
  - 8 nurse practitioner candidate support packages and 7 regional/rural geriatric trainees delivered.

The Parties agree the Pilot Residential in Reach Post Hospitalisation initiative funding will serve to establish new services in two metropolitan and one regional area. Victoria will report against the following targets:

- Year 1:
  - Design and implementation planning activity,
  - model established (services commissioned)

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<sup>1</sup> Nurse practitioner candidate support packages and geriatric trainees will contribute to building specialised workforce to support delivery of care to older people who are or are at-risk of becoming long stay older patients.

- Year 2:
  - 125 episodes of care delivered per site, with the objective of delivering a total of 375 episodes of care per year across all 3 sites.
- Year 3:
  - 305 episodes of care delivered per site, with the objective of delivering a total of 915 episodes of care per year across all 3 sites.
- Year 4:
  - 305 episodes of care delivered per site, with the objective of delivering a total of 915 episodes of care per year across all 3 sites.

The Parties agree that Victoria will report against the below targets for the Supporting Residential Aged Care Staff to Improve Care initiative:

- Year 1:
  - Program designed, providers commissioned and sector communications completed (25-26 training calendar and grants program launched).
  - Up to 120 eligible RACH staff receiving training, with the objective that 90% of participants report increased confidence in clinical tasks and RACH quality indicators improve e.g. Rates of transfer to emergency.
- Year 2:
  - 510 eligible RACH staff receiving training, with the objective that 90% of participants report increased confidence in clinical tasks and RACH quality indicators improve e.g. Rates of transfer to emergency.
- Year 3:
  - 510 eligible RACH staff receiving training, with the objective that 90% of participants report increased confidence in clinical tasks and RACH quality indicators improve e.g. Rates of transfer to emergency.
- Year 4:
  - 510 eligible RACH staff receiving training, with the objective that 90% of participants report increased confidence in clinical tasks and RACH quality indicators improve e.g. Rates of transfer to emergency.
- Grants for medical equipment through the initiative are intended to support the purchase of equipment, at a cost of no more than \$5,000 per piece, with the objective of increasing the ability of staff

to care for people with complex care needs, to reduce rates of transfer to emergency.

- Purchases should not be duplicative of any equipment that should be supplied under Schedule 1 of the Quality of Care Principles 2014 or any other relevant Commonwealth programs or services.

The Parties agree the Pilot Community Health Led Anticipatory Frailty initiative funding will serve to establish new services at 10 community health sites in metropolitan and regional locations. Victoria will report against the following targets:

- Year 1: Design and implementation planning activity (no hours of care).
- Year 2: 50,500 hours of care across all sites.
- Year 3: 59,300 hours of care across all sites.
- Year 4: 68,000 hours of care across all sites.

The Parties agree the First Nations Elders Hospital Diversion initiative funding will serve to establish new services at two Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations and will aim to deliver self-determined programs in a model determined by local needs and other variables specific to the local community. The initiative will work to an objective of reducing potentially preventable hospital presentations for older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples residing at home in those communities.

The Parties agree the Older Persons Care Hub initiative funding will serve to establish new services at 5 Health Service sites in metropolitan and regional locations. Victoria will report against the following targets:

- Year 1:
  - Design and implementation planning activity,
  - 50 episodes of care delivered across all 5 sites.
- Year 2:
  - 500 episodes of care delivered across all 5 sites.
- Year 3:
  - 600 episodes of care delivered across all 5 sites.
- Year 4:
  - 720 episodes of care delivered across all 5 sites.

The Parties agree the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department (VVED) pathways to Home Care initiative funding will serve to establish a direct

referral pathway to hospital in the home type care and expand access to geriatric support services. Victoria will report against the following targets:

- Year 1: An additional 500 eligible older people receive services through VVED, with the objective of diverting 350 patients from avoidable emergency department presentations.
- Year 2: An additional 2,000 older people receive services through VVED, with the objective of diverting 1,400 patients from avoidable emergency department presentations.
- Year 3: An additional 5,000 older people receive services through VVED, with the objective of diverting 3,500 patients from avoidable emergency department presentations.
- Year 4: An additional 5,000 older people receive services through VVED, with the objective of diverting 3,500 patients from avoidable emergency department presentations.

The Parties agree that the Geriatric Emergency Department Innovation and front door frailty models of care initiative funding will serve to expand existing services and establish new services across ten hospitals at a time. Victoria will report against the following targets:

- Year 1: 997 eligible patients receive assessment and referral support, with the objective of diverting 697 eligible patients from avoidable admission to hospital.
- Year 2: 8,262 eligible patients receive assessment and referral support, with the objective of diverting 5,783 eligible patients from avoidable admission to hospital.
- Year 3: 13,124 eligible patients receive assessment and referral support, with the objective of diverting 9,186 eligible patients from avoidable admission to hospital.
- Year 4: 13,124 eligible patients receive assessment and referral support, with the objective of diverting 9,186 eligible patients from avoidable admission to hospital.

The Parties agree the Residential Aged Care Home Incentive initiative will aim to support the continued purchase of 280 bed-based transition care program places per year, with that number of transition beds aiming to be maintained in the second year. This number will be dependent on local negotiations and available capacity, together with considerations for the type of patient, care model and other variables specific to the provider or patient cohort. Victoria will work closely with the Department of Health and Aged Care to support this capacity in residential aged care homes. The initiative will work to maintain bed-based transition care program

	within metropolitan Melbourne with the objective of contributing to the reduction of the length of stay for older people who have been admitted to hospital.
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**Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p><b>Expand Residential In Reach</b>  <i>Expansion of short-term hospital in reach services to residential aged care homes statewide</i></p>	<p>Provision of an Implementation Plan for the expansion of care services in older patients' places of residence including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An outline of the services offered through existing Residential in Reach program.</li> <li>• Information about the Hospital and Health Services (HHS) through which services will be expanded.</li> <li>• Information about the arrangements for the establishment, oversight and evaluation of the expansion of services including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the expanded services to be provided (specifications);</li> <li>○ information about patient eligibility criteria;</li> <li>○ delivery milestones and anticipated phasing across all sites,</li> <li>○ data collection, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting arrangements.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A program logic using the template provided by the Commonwealth.</li> <li>• A preliminary evaluation plan outlining the planned evaluation methodology for measuring initiative effectiveness and the agreed minimum evaluation criteria aligned with the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Identification of baseline data for initiative and in line with the agreed long stay older patient (LSOP) data indicators.</li> </ul> <p>Provision of a Progress Status Report for the Commonwealth's approval including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Progress on evaluation, data collection and monitoring planning.</li> </ul> <p>Provision of an Annual Progress Report with delivery and data metrics for the Commonwealth's approval including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Finalised initiative specific evaluation plan based on the national evaluation plan, and collection of baseline data.</li> <li>• Report relevant data including aggregate agreed LSOP data indicators, as determined in the initiative evaluation plan presented quarterly.</li> <li>• Outcomes of services monitored against national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Initiative risks and issues (including intervention plans where services are not performing) and lessons learned.</li> </ul>	<p>One month after execution of schedule</p> <p>14 April 2025</p> <p>31 October 2025 (reporting period: commencement of services-30/9/2025),</p>	<p>\$2.210m</p> <p>\$0.500m</p> <p>\$3.760m</p>

	<p>Provision of an Annual Progress Report with delivery and data metrics for the Commonwealth's approval including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Report relevant data including aggregate agreed LSOP data indicators, as determined in the initiative evaluation plan presented quarterly.</li> <li>• Outcomes of services monitored against national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Initiative risks and issues (including intervention plans where services are not performing) and lessons learned.</li> </ul> <p>Provision of a Final Report, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual progress reporting for the reporting period 1/10/27-30/6/28.</li> <li>• An evaluation of the impact of the expansion of care services on long stay older patients against the agreed evaluation criteria (aligned with the national evaluation plan) at a minimum.</li> <li>• Cumulative data reporting on the agreed data indicators for duration of schedule presented quarterly.</li> <li>• Outcomes of the initiative, key achievements and challenges, and lessons learned with supporting data where available.</li> </ul>	<p>31 October 2026 (reporting period: 1/10/25-30/9/26)</p> <p>31 October 2027 (reporting period: 1/10/26-30/9/27)</p> <p>30 October 2028</p>	<p>\$4.010m</p> <p>\$4.210m</p> <p>Nil</p>
<p><b>Pilot Residential In Reach Post Hospitalisation program</b> <i>Short-term intensive clinical in reach support to long stay older patients entering residential aged care homes for the first time.</i></p>	<p>Provision of an Implementation Plan for the expansion of care services in older patients' places of residence including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information about the metro and regional areas through which services will be expanded.</li> <li>• Information about the arrangements for the establishment, oversight and evaluation of the expansion of services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ the expanded services to be provided (specifications);</li> <li>◦ information about patient eligibility criteria;</li> <li>◦ delivery milestones and anticipated phasing across all sites,</li> <li>◦ data collection, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting arrangements.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A program logic using the template provided by the Commonwealth.</li> <li>• A preliminary evaluation plan outlining the planned evaluation methodology for measuring initiative effectiveness and the agreed minimum evaluation criteria aligned with the national evaluation plan.</li> </ul>	<p>One month after execution of schedule</p>	<p>\$1.400m</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of baseline data for initiative and aligned with the agreed long stay older patient (LSOP) data indicators.</li> </ul> <p>Provision of a Progress Status Report for the Commonwealth's approval including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Preparatory planning for commencement of services completed in each area.</li> <li>• Progress of evaluation, data collection and monitoring planning</li> </ul> <p>Provision of an Annual Progress Report with delivery and data metrics for the Commonwealth's approval including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Finalised initiative specific evaluation plan based on the national evaluation plan, and collection of baseline data.</li> <li>• Outcomes of services monitored against the initiative evaluation plan, based on the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Report relevant data including aggregate agreed LSOP data indicators, as determined in the evaluation plan presented quarterly.</li> <li>• Initiative risks and issues (including intervention plans where services are not performing) and lessons learned.</li> </ul> <p>Provision of an Annual Progress Report with delivery and data metrics for the Commonwealth's approval including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Outcomes of services monitored against the initiative evaluation plan, based on the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Report relevant data including aggregate agreed LSOP data indicators, as determined in the evaluation plan presented quarterly.</li> <li>• Initiative risks and issues (including intervention plans where services are not performing) and lessons learned.</li> </ul> <p>Provision of a Final Report, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An evaluation of the impact of the expansion of care services on long stay older patients against the initiative evaluation plan, based on the agreed minimum evaluation criteria outlined in the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Cumulative data reporting on the agreed data indicators for duration of schedule presented either month-by-month or quarterly.</li> <li>• Outcomes of the initiative, key achievements and challenges, and lessons learned with supporting data where available.</li> </ul>	<p>14 April 2025</p> <p>31 October 2025 (reporting period: commencement of services-30/9/2025),</p> <p>31 October 2026 (reporting period:1/10/25-30/9/26)</p> <p>31 October 2027 (reporting period: 1/10/26-30/9/27)</p> <p>30 October 2028</p>	<p>\$0.355m</p> <p>\$1.875m</p> <p>\$2.070m</p> <p>\$2.085m</p> <p>Nil</p>
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<p><b>Supporting residential aged care staff to improve care</b>  <i>Training for staff and minor equipment investment for residential aged care homes to support them to care for older people with complex needs.</i></p>	<p>Provision of an Implementation Plan for the delivery of training to aged care staff and equipment investments including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiative governance established, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ purchase specifications for equipment grants (including a detailed inclusion and exclusion criteria and grant guidelines and allocation process),</li> <li>○ delivery milestones and phasing</li> <li>○ data collection, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting arrangements.</li> <li>○ governance structure between Victorian Department of Health and training provider.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A program logic using the template provided by the Commonwealth.</li> <li>• A preliminary evaluation plan outlining the planned evaluation methodology for measuring initiative effectiveness and the agreed minimum evaluation criteria aligned with the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Identification of baseline data for initiative and aligned with the agreed long stay older patient (LSOP) data indicators.</li> </ul> <p>Provision of a Progress Status Report for the Commonwealth's approval with delivery and data metrics including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Progress of evaluation, data collection and monitoring planning</li> </ul> <p>Provision of an Annual Progress Report for the Commonwealth's approval with delivery and data metrics including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Finalised initiative specific evaluation plan based on the national evaluation plan, and collection of baseline data.</li> <li>• Outcomes of services monitored against the initiative evaluation plan, based on the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Report relevant data including aggregate agreed LSOP data indicators, as determined in the evaluation plan presented quarterly.</li> <li>• Initiative risks and issues (including intervention plans where progress is not to plan) and lessons learned.</li> </ul>	<p>One month after execution of schedule</p>	<p>\$4.850m</p>
		<p>14 April 2025</p>	<p>\$0.865m</p>
		<p>31 October 2025  (reporting period: commencement of services-30/9/2025),</p>	<p>\$3.440m</p>

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	<p>Provision of a Final evaluation report, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual progress reporting for the reporting period 1/10/27-30/6/28.</li> <li>• An evaluation of the impact of the expansion of care services on long stay older patients against the initiative evaluation plan, aligned with the agreed minimum evaluation criteria outlined in the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Cumulative data reporting on the agreed data indicators for duration of schedule presented quarterly.</li> <li>• Outcomes of the initiative, key achievements and challenges, with supporting data where possible.</li> </ul>	<p>31 October 2027 (reporting period: 1/10/26-30/9/27)</p>	<p>\$1.300m</p>
<p><b>Pilot Community Health Anticipatory Frailty program</b> <i>Multidisciplinary and specialist intervention with clinical care navigation for older people in community settings</i></p>	<p>Provision of an Implementation Plan for the establishment of care services for older people in the community including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information about the process of site selection and selection criteria for the community health sites through which services will be established.</li> <li>• Information about the planned approach<sup>2</sup> for the establishment, oversight and evaluation of the services including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the services to be provided (specifications);</li> <li>○ information about patient eligibility criteria;</li> <li>○ delivery milestones and anticipated phasing across all sites,</li> <li>○ data collection, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting arrangements.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A program logic using the template provided by the Commonwealth.</li> </ul>	<p>30 October 2028</p>	<p>Nil</p>
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<sup>2</sup> Note: the planned approach outlined in the implementation plan is subject to change following the development of the initiative which will involve a codesign process with services and key stakeholders.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A preliminary evaluation plan outlining the planned evaluation methodology for measuring initiative effectiveness and the agreed minimum evaluation criteria aligned with the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Identification of baseline data for initiative and aligned with the agreed long stay older patient (LSOP) data indicators.</li> </ul> <p>Provision of a Progress Status Report for the Commonwealth's approval including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Outcomes of codesign activities and consumer and other stakeholder engagement, including finalised details for:</li> <li>• the services to be provided (specifications);</li> <li>• information about patient eligibility criteria; delivery milestones and anticipated phasing across all sites;</li> <li>• Progress on data collection, monitoring, evaluation and monitoring arrangements.</li> </ul> <p>Provision of an Annual Progress Report with delivery and data metrics for the Commonwealth's approval including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Finalised initiative specific evaluation plan based on the national evaluation plan, and collection of baseline data.</li> <li>• Outcomes of services monitored against the initiative evaluation plan, aligned with the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Report relevant data including aggregate agreed LSOP data indicators, as determined in the evaluation plan presented quarterly.</li> <li>• Initiative risks and issues (including intervention plans where services are not performing) and lessons learned.</li> </ul> <p>Provision of an Annual Progress Report with delivery and data metrics for the Commonwealth's approval including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Finalised initiative specific evaluation plan based on the national evaluation plan, and collection of baseline data.</li> <li>• Outcomes of services monitored against the initiative evaluation plan, aligned with the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Report relevant data including aggregate agreed LSOP data indicators, as determined in the evaluation plan presented quarterly.</li> </ul>	<p>14 April 2025</p> <p>31 October 2025 (reporting period: commencement of services-30/9/2025),</p> <p>31 October 2026 (reporting period: 1/10/25-30/9/26)</p> <p>31 October 2027 (reporting period: 1/10/26-30/9/27)</p>	<p>\$1.435m</p> <p>\$4.809m</p> <p>\$12.180m</p> <p>\$12.210m</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiative risks and issues (including intervention plans where services are not performing) and lessons learned.</li> </ul> <p>Provision of a Final Report, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual progress reporting for the reporting period 1/10/27-30/6/28.</li> <li>An evaluation of the impact of the expansion of care services on long stay older patients against the initiative evaluation plan, aligned with the agreed minimum evaluation criteria outlined in the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>Cumulative data reporting on the agreed data indicators for duration of schedule presented quarterly.</li> <li>Outcomes of the initiative, key achievements and challenges, and lessons learned with supporting data where available.</li> </ul>	30 October 2028	Nil
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<p><b>First Nations Elders Hospital Diversion program</b>  <i>Co-design and delivery of elders focused initiatives aimed at addressing local drivers of potentially preventable hospitalisations</i></p>	<p>Provision of an Implementation Plan for the establishment of care services in First Nations elders places of residence including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information about the proposed design process including process of site selection and selection criteria for the establishment, oversight and evaluation of the services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the services to be provided (specifications);</li> <li>information about patient eligibility criteria;</li> <li>delivery milestones/output measures and anticipated phasing across all sites,</li> <li>governance structure for partnership with Victoria Health and the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation(s).</li> <li>Identification of potential data collection, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting arrangements.</li> </ul> </li> <li>A program logic using the template provided by the Commonwealth.</li> <li>A preliminary evaluation plan outlining the planned evaluation methodology for measuring initiative effectiveness and the agreed minimum evaluation criteria aligned with the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>Identification of preliminary baseline data for initiative and in line with the agreed long stay older patient (LSOP) data indicators.</li> </ul>	One month after execution of schedule	\$1.400m
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<sup>3</sup> Note: the planned approach outlined in the implementation plan is subject to change following the development of the initiative which will involve a self determined codesign process with services and key stakeholders.

	<p>Provision of a Progress Status Report for the Commonwealth's approval including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Outcomes of codesign activities and consumer and other stakeholder engagement, including finalised details for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the services to be provided (specifications);</li> <li>○ information about patient eligibility criteria;</li> <li>○ delivery milestones and anticipated phasing across all sites;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Progress on evaluation, data collection and monitoring planning.</li> </ul> <p>Provision of an Annual Progress Report for the Commonwealth's approval with delivery and data metrics including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Finalised initiative specific evaluation plan based on the national evaluation plan, and collection of baseline data.</li> <li>• Outcomes of services monitored against the initiative evaluation plan, aligned with the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Report relevant data including aggregate agreed LSOP data indicators, as determined in the evaluation plan presented quarterly.</li> <li>• Initiative risks and issues (including intervention plans where services are not performing) and lessons learned.</li> </ul> <p>Provision of an Annual Progress Report for the Commonwealth's approval with delivery and data metrics including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Outcomes of services monitored against the initiative evaluation plan, aligned with the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Report relevant data including aggregate agreed LSOP data indicators, as determined in the evaluation plan presented quarterly.</li> <li>• Initiative risks and issues (including intervention plans where services are not performing) and lessons learned.</li> </ul>	<p>14 April 2025</p> <p>31 October 2025 (reporting period: commencement of services- 30/9/2025),</p> <p>31 October 2026 (reporting period: 1/10/25- 30/9/26)</p> <p>31 October 2027 (reporting period: 1/10/26-30/9/27)</p>	<p>\$0.306m</p> <p>\$2.214m</p> <p>\$2.954m</p> <p>\$3.069m</p>
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	<p>Provision of a Final Report, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual progress reporting for the reporting period 1/10/27-30/6/28.</li> <li>• An evaluation of the impact of the expansion of care services on long stay older patients against the initiative evaluation plan, aligned with the agreed minimum evaluation criteria outlined in the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Cumulative data reporting on the agreed data indicators for duration of schedule presented quarterly.</li> <li>• Outcomes of the initiative, key achievements and challenges, and lessons learned with supporting data where available.</li> </ul>	30 October 2028	Nil
<p><b>Older Persons Care Hub</b> <i>Multidisciplinary acute and sub-acute geriatric care and assessment in a patients home.</i></p>	<p>Provision of an Implementation Plan for the establishment of care services in older patients' places of residence including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information about the planned process of site selection and selection criteria and design approach that will be taken to commission the service at 5 health service sites.</li> <li>• Information about the planned arrangements for the establishment, oversight and evaluation of the services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the services to be provided (specifications);</li> <li>○ information about patient eligibility criteria;</li> <li>○ delivery milestones and anticipated phasing across all sites,</li> <li>○ data collection, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting arrangements.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A program logic using the template provided by the Commonwealth.</li> <li>• A preliminary evaluation plan outlining the planned evaluation methodology for measuring initiative effectiveness and the agreed minimum evaluation criteria aligned with the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Identification of preliminary of baseline data for initiative and in line with the agreed long stay older patient (LSOP) data indicators.</li> </ul>	One month after execution of schedule	\$2.300m
	<p>Provision of a Progress Status Report for the Commonwealth's approval including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Outcomes of codesign activities and consumer and other stakeholder engagement, including finalised details for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the services to be provided (specifications);</li> <li>○ information about patient eligibility criteria;</li> <li>○ delivery milestones and anticipated phasing across all sites,</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	14 April 2025	\$0.615m

<sup>1</sup> Note: the planned approach outlined in the program and implementation plan will involve a codesign process with services and key stakeholders.

	<p>Provision of an Annual Progress Report with delivery and data metrics for the Commonwealth's approval including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Finalised initiative specific evaluation plan based on the national evaluation plan, and collection of baseline data.</li> <li>• Outcomes of services monitored against the initiative evaluation plan, aligned with the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Report relevant data including aggregate agreed LSOP data indicators, as determined in the evaluation plan presented quarterly.</li> <li>• Initiative risks and issues (including intervention plans where services are not performing) and lessons learned.</li> </ul> <p>Provision of an Annual Progress Report with delivery and data metrics for the Commonwealth's approval including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Outcomes of services monitored against the initiative evaluation plan, aligned with the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Report relevant data including aggregate agreed LSOP data indicators, as determined in the evaluation plan presented quarterly.</li> <li>• Initiative risks and issues (including intervention plans where services are not performing) and lessons learned.</li> </ul> <p>Provision of a Final Report, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual progress reporting for the reporting period 1/10/27-30/6/28.</li> <li>• An evaluation of the impact of the expansion of care services on long stay older patients against the initiative evaluation plan, aligned with the agreed minimum evaluation criteria outlined in the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Cumulative data reporting on the agreed data indicators for duration of schedule presented quarterly.</li> <li>• Outcomes of the initiative, key achievements and challenges, and lessons learned with supporting data where available.</li> </ul>	<p>31 October 2025 (reporting period: commencement of services- 30/9/2025),</p> <p>31 October 2026 (reporting period:1/10/25-30/9/26)</p> <p>31 October 2027 (reporting period: 1/10/26-30/9/27)</p> <p>30 October 2028</p>	<p>\$6.040m</p> <p>\$6.340m</p> <p>\$6.480m</p> <p>Nil</p>
<p><b>Victorian Virtual Emergency Department (VVED) pathways to Home</b></p>	<p>Provision of an Implementation Plan for the establishment of a streamlined pathway to hospital care services in older patients' places of residence including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An outline of the services offered through existing VVED – Virtual Geriatric Support programs.</li> </ul>	<p>One month after execution of schedule</p>	<p>\$4.00m</p>

<p><b>Care</b>  <i>Care coordination that supports patients to access hospital services in the home and virtual geriatric support care</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information about the arrangements for the establishment, oversight and evaluation of the expansion of services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ the expanded services to be provided (specifications);</li> <li>◦ information about patient eligibility criteria;</li> <li>◦ delivery milestones and anticipated phasing</li> <li>◦ data collection, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting arrangements.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A program logic using the template provided by the Commonwealth.</li> <li>• A preliminary evaluation plan outlining the planned evaluation methodology for measuring initiative effectiveness and the agreed minimum evaluation criteria aligned with the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Identification of baseline data for initiative and in line with the agreed long stay older patient (LSOP) data indicators.</li> </ul> <p>Provision of a Progress Status Report for the Commonwealth's approval including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Commencement of services.</li> <li>• Outcomes of services monitored against the initiative evaluation plan, aligned with the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Progress on evaluation, data collection and monitoring planning.</li> <li>• Report relevant data to the Department of Health and Aged Care, including aggregate agreed LSOP data indicators aligned with the national evaluation plan, presented quarterly.</li> </ul> <p>Provision of an Annual Progress Report for the Commonwealth's approval with delivery and data metrics including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Finalised initiative specific evaluation plan based on the national evaluation plan, and collection of baseline data.</li> <li>• Outcomes of services monitored against the initiative evaluation plan, based on the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Report relevant data including aggregate agreed LSOP data indicators, as determined in the evaluation plan presented quarterly.</li> <li>• Initiative risks and issues (including intervention plans where services are not performing) and lessons learned.</li> </ul>	<p>14 April 2025</p>	<p>\$0.713m</p>
		<p>31 October 2025  (reporting period: commencement of services- 30/9/2025),</p>	<p>\$2.717m</p>

	<p>Provision of an Annual Progress Report for the Commonwealth's approval with delivery and data metrics including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Outcomes of services monitored against the initiative evaluation plan, based on the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Report relevant data including aggregate agreed LSOP data indicators, as determined in the evaluation plan presented quarterly.</li> <li>• Initiative risks and issues (including intervention plans where services are not performing) and lessons learned.</li> </ul> <p>Provision of a Final Report, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual progress reporting for the reporting period 1/10/27-30/6/28.</li> <li>• An evaluation of the impact of the expansion of care services on long stay older patients against the initiative evaluation plan, aligned with the agreed minimum evaluation criteria outlined in the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Cumulative data reporting on the agreed data indicators for duration of schedule presented quarterly.</li> <li>• Outcomes of the initiative, key achievements and challenges, and lessons learned with supporting data where available.</li> </ul>	<p>31 October 2026 (reporting period: 1/10/25-30/9/26)</p> <p>31 October 2027 (reporting period: 1/10/26-30/9/27)</p> <p>30 October 2028</p>	<p>\$2.717m</p> <p>\$2.717m</p> <p>Nil</p>
<p><b>Geriatric Emergency Department Innovation (GEDI)</b> <i>Supporting older patients to remain well at home through geriatric assessment and community-based care referrals when they first present to emergency departments.</i></p>	<p>Provision of an Implementation Plan for the expansion of existing and new models of care in health services to support older persons to remain well at home including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An outline of the GEDI and front door frailty models of care being implemented.</li> <li>• Information about the initial hospitals through which services will be expanded and established.</li> <li>• Expansion – Hospitals that will scale existing models post initial implementation</li> <li>• Information about the arrangements for the establishment, oversight and evaluation of the expansion of services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Overview of the services to be provided (specifications);</li> <li>○ information about patient eligibility criteria;</li> <li>○ delivery milestones and anticipated phasing across all sites,</li> <li>○ data collection, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting arrangements.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A program logic using the template provided by the Commonwealth.</li> </ul>	<p>One month after execution of schedule</p>	<p>\$3.050m</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A preliminary evaluation plan outlining the planned evaluation methodology for measuring initiative effectiveness and the agreed minimum evaluation criteria aligned with the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Identification of baseline data for initiative and in line with the agreed long stay older patient (LSOP) data indicators.</li> </ul> <p>Provision of a Progress Status Report for the Commonwealth's approval including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Commencement of services.</li> <li>• Progress in scaling operations and operationalising new models across the ten initial sites.</li> <li>• Progress on evaluation, data collection and monitoring planning.</li> <li>• Report relevant data to the Department of Health and Aged Care including aggregate agreed LSOP data indicators aligned with the national evaluation plan, presented quarterly.</li> </ul> <p>Provision of an Annual Progress Report with delivery and data metrics for the Commonwealth's approval including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Finalised initiative specific evaluation plan based on the national evaluation plan, and collection of baseline data.</li> <li>• Outcomes of services monitored against the initiative evaluation plan, aligned with the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Report relevant data including aggregate agreed LSOP data indicators, as determined in the evaluation plan presented quarterly.</li> <li>• Initiative risks and issues (including intervention plans where services are not performing) and lessons learned.</li> </ul> <p>Provision of an Annual Progress Report with delivery and data metrics for the Commonwealth's approval including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Outcomes of services monitored against the initiative evaluation plan, aligned with the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Report relevant data including aggregate agreed LSOP data indicators, as determined in the evaluation plan presented quarterly.</li> <li>• Initiative risks and issues (including intervention plans where services are not performing) and lessons learned.</li> </ul>	<p>14 April 2025</p> <p>31 October 2025 (reporting period: commencement of services- 30/9/2025),</p> <p>31 October 2026 (reporting period: 1/10/25-30/9/26)</p> <p>31 October 2027 (reporting period: 1/10/26-30/9/27)</p>	<p>\$0.630m</p> <p>\$3.680m</p> <p>\$3.680m</p> <p>\$3.680m</p>
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	<p>Provision of a Final Report, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual progress reporting for the reporting period 1/10/27-30/6/28.</li> <li>• An evaluation of the impact of the expansion of care services on long stay older patients against the initiative evaluation plan, based on the agreed minimum evaluation criteria outlined in the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Cumulative data reporting on the agreed data indicators for duration of schedule presented either month-by-month or quarterly.</li> <li>• Outcomes of the initiative, key achievements and challenges, and lessons learned with supporting data where available.</li> </ul>	30 October 2028	Nil
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<p><b>Residential Aged Care Home Incentive Program</b>  <i>Administration of incentive payments to private and not-for-profit residential aged care homes to support the purchase of transitional bed capacity based on local need and local availability.</i></p>	<p>Provision of an Implementation Plan for the development of transitional bed capacity for long stay older patients including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiative governance established, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ incentive specifications (including a detailed inclusion and exclusion criteria for bed and application process),</li> <li>○ delivery milestones and phasing</li> <li>○ governance structure with Victoria Health and Department of Health and Aged Care Local Network.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A program logic using the template provided by the Commonwealth.</li> <li>• A preliminary evaluation plan outlining the planned evaluation methodology for measuring initiative effectiveness and the agreed minimum evaluation criteria aligned with the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Identification of baseline data for initiative and in line with the agreed long stay older patient (LSOP) data indicators.</li> </ul> <p>Provision of a Progress Status Report with delivery and data metrics for the Commonwealth's approval including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Progress on evaluation, data collection and monitoring planning.</li> <li>• Initiative risks and issues (including intervention plans where services are not performing) and lessons learned</li> </ul>	One month after execution of schedule	\$7.000m
	<p>Provision of a Progress Status Report with delivery and data metrics for the Commonwealth's approval including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Progress on evaluation, data collection and monitoring planning.</li> <li>• Initiative risks and issues (including intervention plans where services are not performing) and lessons learned</li> </ul>	14 April 2025 (reporting period: commencement of services-1/3/25)	\$1.000m

	Provision of an Annual Progress Report with delivery and data metrics for the Commonwealth's approval including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Finalised initiative specific evaluation plan based on the national evaluation plan, and collection of baseline data.</li> <li>• Outcomes of services monitored against the initiative evaluation plan, based on the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Report relevant data including aggregate agreed LSOP data indicators, as determined in the evaluation plan presented quarterly.</li> <li>• Initiative risks and issues (including intervention plans where services are not performing) and lessons learned.</li> </ul>	14 April 2026 (reporting period: 2/3/25-30/3/26)	\$2.000m
	Final evaluation report, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An evaluation of the impact of the expansion of care services on long stay older patients against the initiative evaluation plan, aligned with the agreed minimum evaluation criteria outlined in the national evaluation plan.</li> <li>• Cumulative data reporting on the agreed data indicators for duration of schedule presented quarterly.</li> <li>• Outcomes of the initiative, key achievements and challenges, with supporting data where possible.</li> </ul>	15 December 2026	Nil

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

[Day] [Month] 2025

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Signed for and on behalf of the State of Victoria by



**The Honourable Mary-Anne Thomas MP**  
 Minister for Health

17 February 2025

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