

# DRAFT ONLY Palliative Care Services Navigation Pilot (the Pilot) - 8 March 2023 to 30 June 2026

## FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – HEALTH

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule																									
Parties	Commonwealth South Australia																								
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2026, or on completion of the initiative, including acceptance of final performance reporting and processing of final payments.																								
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the delivery of a pilot to develop and test a palliative care service navigation model in South Australia. The pilot aims to increase access to and uptake of palliative care through the implementation of a comprehensive suite of services including a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statewide Navigation Service and Palliative Care Connect Website</li> <li>• Aboriginal Navigation Service</li> <li>• Bereavement Navigation Service including bereavement groups and counselling</li> <li>• Palliative Care Volunteering Training and Coordination activities</li> <li>• Promotion of the Healthy End of Life Program app</li> </ul> <p>These services are expected to assist over 1500 South Australians over the lifetime of the pilot.</p>																								
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Additional terms	A co-design approach between parties will be undertaken to support implementation and governance of the Pilot. South Australia will																								

arrange for independent evaluation of the Pilot. Evaluation outcomes and associated data will be shared between South Australia and the Commonwealth to determine the effectiveness of the Pilot and to provide outcomes of the investment for future policy consideration. The parties agree that the applicable performance indicators against which South Australia will report on for the 2025 and 2026 performance reports and evaluation reports specified in Table 2 are:

- Outcome 1: People know what palliative care is and how to access it
  - Minimum of 1500 consumers supported by palliative care navigation services from commencement to 30 April 2026
  - 80% of service users with improved understanding of palliative care after interaction with Palliative Care Connect from commencement to 30 April 2026.
- Outcome 2: People access the services they need, when it is right for them
  - Minimum of 1500 palliative care and related navigation services referred to and/or delivered by Palliative Care Connect from commencement to 30 April 2026.
  - 80% of service users rate they are satisfied with Palliative Care Connect from commencement to 30 April 2026.
- Outcome 3: Health workforce is skilled and supported to provide palliative care, particularly in the community
  - Minimum of 150 episodes of support delivered by one of the navigation services to clinicians, aged care or community support workers from commencement to 30 April 2026.

Note commencement is from commencement of the services.

The *Health Insurance Act 1973* prohibits the payment of Medicare benefits where other government funding is provided for that service. SA 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. South Australia 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.

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p>The output of this schedule will be the implementation and evaluation of a Palliative Care Services Navigation Pilot, to determine the effectiveness of a navigation model and provide outcomes of the investment for future policy consideration.</p>	<p>Delivery of a final Palliative Care Services Navigation Pilot project plan within one month following execution of the schedule.</p>	<p>30/4/2023 Completed</p>	<p>\$1.00m</p>
	<p>Progress Report: Development and implementation update. This performance report will contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a description of the progress of the Palliative Care Services Navigation Pilot from January to June 2023,</li> <li>details on next stages of project implementation per the project plan,</li> <li>qualitative or quantitative data regarding service delivery and uptake if available,</li> <li>any matters or risks that have arisen which could adversely impact on the delivery of the output, and how South Australia proposes to resolve these matters.</li> </ul>	<p>30/08/2023 Completed</p>	<p>\$1.60m</p>
	<p>Progress Report: Development and implementation update. This performance report will contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a description of the progress of the Palliative Care Services Navigation Pilot from July to December 2023,</li> <li>details on next stages of project implementation per the project plan,</li> <li>qualitative or quantitative data regarding service delivery and uptake if available,</li> <li>any matters or risks that have arisen which could adversely impact on the delivery of the output, and how South Australia proposes to resolve these matters.</li> </ul>	<p>29/02/2024 Completed</p>	<p>\$1.50m</p>

<p>Demonstrated improvements in access to and uptake of palliative care through the implementation of a comprehensive suite of services including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statewide Navigation Service and Palliative Care Connect Website</li> <li>Aboriginal Navigation Service</li> <li>Bereavement Navigation Service including bereavement groups and counselling</li> <li>Palliative Care Volunteering Training and Coordination activities</li> <li>Promotion of the Healthy End of Life Program app.</li> </ul>	<p>Progress Report: Development and implementation update. This performance report will contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a description of the progress of the Palliative Care Services Navigation Pilot from January to June 2024,</li> <li>details on next stages of project implementation per the project plan,</li> <li>qualitative or quantitative data regarding service delivery and uptake if available,</li> <li>any matters or risks that have arisen which could adversely impact on the delivery of the output, and how South Australia proposes to resolve these matters.</li> </ul>	<p>30/08/2024 Completed</p>	<p>\$1.59m</p>
<p>Provision of an updated Project Plan to 30 April 2026.</p> <p>Provision of a Progress Report including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a description of the progress and achievements of the Palliative Care Services Navigation Pilot (1 July to 31 December 2024)</li> <li>progress against service delivery and uptake of navigation services performance indicators as per Additional Terms. Where not on track, SA is to provide reasoning</li> <li>case studies and summary of feedback from consumer interviews/ focus groups (if conducted in this period) from service providers</li> <li>any matters or risks that have arisen which could adversely impact on the delivery of the output, and how South Australia proposes to resolve these matters.</li> </ul>	<p>Provision of an updated Project Plan to 30 April 2026.</p> <p>Provision of a Progress Report including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a description of the progress and achievements of the Palliative Care Services Navigation Pilot (1 July to 31 December 2024)</li> <li>progress against service delivery and uptake of navigation services performance indicators as per Additional Terms. Where not on track, SA is to provide reasoning</li> <li>case studies and summary of feedback from consumer interviews/ focus groups (if conducted in this period) from service providers</li> <li>any matters or risks that have arisen which could adversely impact on the delivery of the output, and how South Australia proposes to resolve these matters.</li> </ul>	<p>31/03/2025</p>	<p>\$1.58m</p>
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	<p>Provision of a Final report including an independent evaluation of the Pilot. The final report will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an evaluation with a description of pilot outcomes to date, data including performance indicators per Additional Terms and from consumer interview, surveys and case studies, and assessment of the project's deliverables against the aims, objectives and outcomes of the investment. Where not meant SA to include reasoning</li> <li>• a description of promotional activities undertaken in relation to, and media coverage of, the project during the term of the Schedule</li> <li>• consideration of the future of the project beyond the term of the Schedule</li> <li>• benefits to the community, impact of investment including cost benefit analysis and lessons learnt.</li> </ul>	30/04/2026	\$1.489m

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

11 Feb

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



**The Honourable Chris Picton MP**  
Minister for Health and Wellbeing

[Day] [Month] 2025

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