

# Comprehensive Palliative Care in Aged Care 2024-25 to 2025-26 - NT

## FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - HEALTH

<b>Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule</b>																	
<b>Parties</b>	Commonwealth Northern Territory																
<b>Duration</b>	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																
<b>Purpose</b>	<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 the Northern Territory (NT). This includes improving the delivery of palliative care services through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• specialist palliative care needs rounds in participating aged-cared homes;</li> <li>• regional outreach visits and telehealth services to provide workforce education, raise awareness around palliative care and support end-of-life care; and</li> <li>• education to support GPs and families to establish goals of care.</li> </ul>																
<b>Estimated financial contributions</b>	<p>The Commonwealth will match the contribution of the NT up to a total of \$152,000 over two years (2024/25 – 2025/26) in respect of this schedule.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><b>Table 1</b> <b>(\$ million)</b></th> <th><b>2024-25</b></th> <th><b>2025-26</b></th> <th><b>Total</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Estimated total budget</b></td> <td><b>0.150</b></td> <td><b>0.154</b></td> <td><b>0.304</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Commonwealth National Partnership Payment (1)</i></td> <td>0.075</td> <td>0.077</td> <td>0.152</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NT contribution</td> <td>0.075</td> <td>0.077</td> <td>0.152</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(1) The Commonwealth contribution is contingent on the NT's contribution of equal funding. Where the NT contributes a lesser amount, the Commonwealth contribution will be reduced accordingly.</p>	<b>Table 1</b> <b>(\$ million)</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Estimated total budget</b>	<b>0.150</b>	<b>0.154</b>	<b>0.304</b>	<i>Commonwealth National Partnership Payment (1)</i>	0.075	0.077	0.152	NT contribution	0.075	0.077	0.152
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<b>Additional terms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For this Schedule, a RACH is a special-purpose facility, providing accommodation and personal care 24 hours a day, access to nursing</li> </ul>																

and general healthcare services for senior Australians who can no longer live in their own home as described under the Aged Care Act 1997 (Aged Care Act 2024 from 1 July 2025). RACHs are accredited by the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission to receive funding from the Australian Government through residential aged care subsidies.

- Performance reports provided by the NT at the times specified in Table 2 will include relevant data including (but not limited to):
  - Number of participating RACHs in Central Australia and the Top End
  - Number of palliative residents supported by needs rounds
  - Number of family meetings to discuss goals of care and advance care decisions
  - Number of completed Advance Care Plans (including as a proportion of residents)
  - Number of palliative care telehealth consultations delivered into RACHs
  - Number of GP case reviews
  - Number of outreach visits to participating sites
  - Number of referrals to specialist palliative care team
  - Number of specialist palliative care services delivered.
  - Evidence of resident and family satisfaction levels (if available)
- The Health Insurance Act 1973 prohibits the payment of Medicare benefits where other government funding is provided for that service. NT 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. The NT 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.

<b>Output</b>	<b>Performance milestones</b>	<b>Report due</b>	<b>Commonwealth contribution payment</b>
<p>Demonstrated improvements to the delivery of palliative care services for older Australians living in participating RACHs in the NT.</p> <p><b>For the Top End</b>, this includes improving end of life care (EOLC) in remote RACHs in Maningrida and Wurrumyanga including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Annual community visits to establish service provision and provide symptom assessment/management/end-of-life-care, goals of care and Advance Care Planning.</li> <li>o Establishment of step-down pathways for telehealth services.</li> <li>o Regular specialist telehealth needs rounds</li> <li>o Targeted case reviews with GP's to support ongoing education.</li> </ul> <p><b>For Central Australia</b>, this includes specialist palliative care outreach services, cyclical case reviews with GP's to support ongoing education, and continued telehealth support provided to four remote RACHs (Mutijulu, Docker River, Ernabella, Pulkapulka Karl (Tennant Creek)).</p>	<p>Provision and acceptance of performance report outlining the activities undertaken to 31 March 2025 against each output.</p> <p><b>Performance report</b> – The report should include data against each of the performance indicators and data items listed in the 'Additional Terms' and 'Outputs' column.</p>	30/04/2025	<p>Up to \$75,000</p> <p>Payment planned June 2025, subject to provision and acceptance of the Performance Report.</p>
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The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

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of Australia by

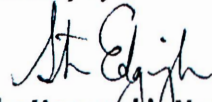


**The Honourable Mark Butler MP**  
Minister for Health and Aged Care

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Territory by



**The Honourable Hon Steven Edgington MLA**  
Minister for Health

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