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This **Newsletter** is issued to provide updates to DVA contracted Community Nursing providers.

Fair Work Commission – Nurses Award Wage Increase

Following the Fair Work Commission (FWC) decision in December 2024 to further increase the award wages for nurses employed in the aged care sector, clinical fees for the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Community Nursing Program will be increased.

Fees for clinical care items and other items with a clinical component under the Community Nursing Program will be increased from 1 March 2025 for claim periods commencing on or after this date, as the first of three tranches of increases – 1 March 2025, 1 October 2025 and 1 August 2026.

The Schedule of Fees effective from 1 March 2025 is attached for reference and will also be available on the DVA website.

Community Nursing providers who deliver services to clients under an Exceptional Case approval will receive an updated approval letter in March for each client to reflect the fee increases.

Schedule of Fees

Please note the following changes have been made to the Schedule of Fees:

- Clinical care – fee increases following the Fair Work Commission decision
 - Clinical core (NL01 – NL29)
 - Add on and second worker (NS01 – NS66)
 - Overnight (NS32 – NS44)
 - Other items (NA02 – NA07, NA99)
 - Coordinated Veterans' Care (CVC) Program Items (UP05 – UP06)
- Overnight Care – updates following previous advice of changes to overnight care items
 - Removal of overnight care up to 6 hours (NS31, NS38, NT47 and NT54)
 - The last date these item numbers can be claimed is 28 February 2025.