# DVA Community Nursing Provider

# Bulletin No 8

**1 December 2017**

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**DVA closed between Christmas and New Year**

The Department of Veterans’ Affairs offices including the Exceptional Case Unit,

will be closed from 5pm Friday 22 December 2017 reopening 8.30am Tuesday 2 January 2018.

**Schedule of Item Numbers and Fees – effective 1 January 2018**

The indexed Schedule of Item Numbers and Fees (Schedule of Fees) for DVA Community Nursing to commence 1 January 2018 are attached to the email that accompanies this Bulletin and will be available on the DVA website:

<http://www.dva.gov.au/providers/community-nursing>

Please be aware that the new Schedule of Item Numbers and Fees will apply from 1 January 2018.

**Personal Care Item Numbers**

In addition to indexation increases, the Personal Care item numbers include an additional supplementation. This is provided by the Government to agencies that are affected by the Fair Work Australia decision to increase wages in the social and community services sector under the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010 (SACS Modern Award). For more information refer to the dedicated website:

<https://www.dss.gov.au/communities-and-vulnerable-people/fair-pay-for-social-and-community-services-workers>

Wishing all your staff a safe & happy festive season.

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**Please ensure that all relevant community nursing staff in your organisation are made aware of the information contained in this Bulletin.**