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

October 2025 Community Nursing fee increase

As part of DVA's ongoing commitment to support the Fair Work Commission's (FWC) decision to increase award wages under the [Aged Care Work Value Case](#), clinical and personal care fee items in the Community Nursing Schedule of Fees will be increased from 1 October 2025. The increase for personal care items is the second and final of two tranches of increases for personal care workers, with the first increase applied from 1 January 2025. The increase for clinical care items is the second of three tranches of increases for nursing staff, with the first applied from 1 March 2025 and the final increase taking effect from 1 August 2026.

The DVA Community Nursing Schedule of Fees effective from 1 October 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 October for each client to reflect the fee increases.

Historical Leave Liabilities

Additional funding will be made available to Community Nursing and Veterans' Home Care providers to fund historical leave liabilities as a result of the FWC decision. The funding will cover the increases applied from 1 March 2025 and 1 October 2025. DVA is working closely with the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, as the lead agency on this, and further information will be made available as soon as possible.

Registration standard: Endorsement for scheduled medicines – designated registered nurse prescriber

A new *Registration standard: Endorsement for scheduled medicines – designated registered nurse prescriber* will take effect in September 2025 which will enable suitably educated and qualified registered nurses (RNs), with the appropriate endorsement, to prescribe Schedule 2, 3, 4 and 8 medicines in partnership with an authorised health practitioner under a clinical governance framework and an active prescribing agreement. The designated RN prescriber will be responsible and accountable for prescribing within their scope of practice and authorisation.

Following commencement of the Standard, providers and RNs with the necessary endorsement must comply with the requirements set out in the Standard, as well as all current policies and national medication standards as outlined in the Notes for Community Nursing Providers. The relevant sections of the Notes for Community Nursing Providers will be updated in the coming months to incorporate applicable information.

Further information about the endorsement, including an advance copy of the Registration standard and Guidelines, can be found on the [Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia \(NMBA\) website](#).