

Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP): Update on payment changes and transition support

The Department of Health (Health) has released further information about the arrangements for moving to payment in arrears for 2022-23 and the support available to assist with the transition. See link – <u>Negotiations</u>, <u>Transition Support and Remote Loadings</u>

Health advises there will be very limited scope to negotiate unit prices. One exception will be for providers that deliver the majority of their services in remote areas (Model regions 6 and 7). This is very unlikely to apply to Western Sydney providers, who would mostly be classified as MMM 1 or 2 – metropolitan areas or regional centres.

As mentioned in <u>Health's October</u> update and discussed in <u>our fact sheet</u>, where providers are currently funded outside the price range, there will be adjustments to prices and outputs to ensure funding levels stay the same.

Transition support

The 3 types of transition support available are outlined below.

What	Eligibility	How to apply
 Initial Support July 2022 monthly payment will be in advance. The August 2022 will be in arrears (start of September) 	Providers need to have signed their grant agreement for the 2022-23 CHSP extension	No action required from providers.
 Rollover Support Unspent funds from 2021-22 able to be rolled into 2022-23 Capped at one month's worth of funding Additional unspent funds will need to be acquitted 	 Providers need to have signed their grant agreement for the 2022-23 CHSP extension Must apply by 30 May 2022 	 Email Community Grants Hub (CGH) by 30 May 2022 requesting to rollover the projected underspend (up to the value of one month's funding) The provider must attach proof from an accountant or financial officer that demonstrates a projected underspend.



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 Transition Support Funding Grant funding for smaller providers with low cash reserves Further details to be published on Grant Connect Transition Support Funding is only to assist with the transition to payments in arrears 	 Providers need to have signed their grant agreement for the 2022-23 CHSP extension Receive less than \$625,000 (GST Excl) in CHSP funding per year Advice from accountant or financial officer confirming the provider has less than one month's cash reserve and is unable to fund August and/or September 2022 through other financing. Mechanisms Organisations that already receive payments in arrears for other government programs (e.g. NDIS or HCP) are not eligible. 	 In early 2022 the upcoming grant round will be advertised on GrantConnect Applicants will have four weeks to apply once the grant round is advertised on GrantConnect Applications will be assessed against stated eligibility criteria.

Next steps

- 13 December 2021 2022-23 extension Grant Opportunity published on GrantConnect.
- Late December 2021/early January 2022 ACH, SS and SSD providers will receive an indicative service offer and funding proposal.
- Early 2022 CHSP providers will receive draft grant agreement for consideration.
- Early 2022 Transition Support Funding will be advertised on GrantConnect.
- 30 May 2022 deadline to request rollover of unspent funds.
- 1 July 2023 Transition to Support at Home Program.

For more information

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Australian Government, Department of Health factsheets and website:

- Commonwealth Home Support Programme News
- <u>Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) Extension Negotiations, Transition Support and Remote Loadings</u>
- Commonwealth Home Support Programme 2022-23 extension webinar 17 November 2021



- Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) Payment in Arrears and Unit Pricing October update, 29 October 2021.
- Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) Payment in Arrears and Unit Pricing Fact Sheet, July 2021.