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Requirements surrounding 3 years community nursing experience

DVA has received several enquiries from Providers in relation to the requirements surrounding 3 years community nursing experience for RN, EN and NSS who are providing caring to veterans.

To clarify, in relation to clauses 2.2 to 2.3 of the *Community Nursing Terms and Conditions*, the Department's advice to all community nursing providers is:

Experience in the community nursing field includes programs (either State or Commonwealth funded) that provide primarily home based services that require the knowledge and skills of a Registered Nurse to undertake clinical assessment and/or clinical interventions, for example (but not limited to):

- Home Care Packages (e.g. Aged Care or Commonwealth Home Support);
- Transition Care;
- Chronic Disease Management;
- Domiciliary Care;
- Palliative Care; and/or
- Disability Care.

Care delivered in acute settings (hospital/hospital emergency/day procedure centres) or residential aged care facilities (RACF) would *not* satisfy the requirements for the *Community Nursing Terms and Conditions*. Providing care in these settings is different to the community based primary health care approach.

DVA would like to work with Providers to ensure that all sites can continue to receive referrals and deliver services to the veteran community. If there are staff within your organisation who have previously delivered community nursing services to the veteran community and may not currently meet the three years' experience requirements, DVA is willing to discuss a transition arrangement for your organisation.

Please don't hesitate to contact us around transition arrangements for your organisation. Please email nursing@dva.gov.au

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