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Please ensure that all relevant staff in your organisation receive this Bulletin.

Changes to the Community Nursing Schedule of Fees – Overnight Care Items

The Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) has advised the hourly rate for Overnight Care that had been announced will take approximately six months to implement in the Medicare system. To ensure you can claim overnight care fees, we will introduce a series of item numbers for overnight care.

Overnight Clinical and Personal Care, for Active and Non-active Care (*Section 7.6.3 in the Notes*)

As a result of the change, there will be a total of 28 item numbers for the provision of overnight care added to the Schedule of Fees, covering:

- Active Clinical Care
- Inactive Clinical Care
- Active Personal Care
- Inactive Personal Care

For each of the above categories, there will be seven shift lengths:

- Up to six hours
- Up to seven hours
- Up to eight hours
- Up to nine hours
- Up to ten hours
- Up to 11 hours, and
- Up to 12 hours.

Overnight care items may be claimed up to 28 times in a claim period, to allow for up to 28 overnight care shifts.

Definitions of Active and Inactive Care are available in the Notes.

Have your Organisation's Details Changed?

If you have any changes to the email contact for your organisation's receipt of CN Bulletins, please email the DVA Community Nursing Contract Mailbox: NMBCN@dva.gov.au