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

Ensuring the Sustainability of Veterans' In-home Care and Support Programs

As part of the 2025-26 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO), released on 17 December 2025, the Australian Government announced its commitment to support continued access to in-home care and support services for veterans and war widow(er)s under the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Community Nursing and Veterans' Home Care (VHC) programs. Sustainability payments will be extended for a further two years, to 30 June 2028. This measure was originally announced on 14 May 2024 as part of the 2024-25 Budget and commenced from July 2024.

DVA will continue to provide sustainability payments to DVA contracted Community Nursing and VHC service providers over a further two year period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2028, in recognition of increasing market pressures, enabling continuity of services for the veteran community.

This commitment will support providers to deliver high quality care and support that enables DVA clients to continue living in their own home and reduce the likelihood of early admission to residential aged care.

How will the funding be distributed?

Providers who deliver Community Nursing and/or VHC services are eligible to receive this payment under each program for the clients they have delivered services to.

The funding will be payable each quarter based on the number of clients who have received services.

Payments will continue from the first quarter of the 2026-27 financial year, with no break in the quarterly provision of payments.

Providers will be eligible for the payment irrespective of the number of veterans they provide services to, or the level of services provided.

Further information is available in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document attached. The [Sustainability Payments for Community Nursing and Veterans' Home Care providers | Department of Veterans' Affairs](#) page on the DVA website will be updated in the coming weeks.