



Changes to allied health services and the \$5,000 threshold

What's changing from 1 July 2027 and how DVA will continue to support your access to care.

How can allied health support you?

Allied health professionals work alongside your GP and other healthcare providers to prevent, diagnose and treat a range of health conditions and illnesses. They provide specialised services to support your physical and mental health, helping you maintain independence and participate in everyday activities.

Making it easier to access allied health

From 1 July 2027, changes will come into effect to improve access to allied health services for Veteran Card holders.

- **Checking your treatment is working** – If your allied health treatment reaches \$5,000 in a year, a review will help confirm your care remains clinically appropriate, effective and focused on your needs. This threshold is a checkpoint, not a cap on treatment.
- **No interruption to clinically necessary treatment** – The threshold will **not** apply to Veteran Card holders eligible for the Special Rate Disability Pension, the Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Pension, or those assessed as Catastrophically Injured. Veteran Card holders approaching the threshold will have their treatment reviewed with their healthcare team and can continue accessing treatment while DVA considers any request for additional care, so there is no unnecessary interruption to clinically necessary treatment.
- **Removal of the 12-session treatment cycle** – This will reduce administrative burden and provide greater flexibility to access care, based on individual treatment needs.
- **Greater provider availability and choice** – Higher fees for allied health providers will help to improve provider availability and choice.

Have your say

For information about the consultation process, visit dva.gov.au/allied-health-changes or scan the QR code.



What services are included under the allied health \$5,000 threshold?

Eligible Veteran Card holders can access a range of allied health services as part of their care.

Included in the annual threshold

	Chiropractic care
	Diabetes education
	Dietetics
	Exercise physiology
	Neuropsychology
	Occupational therapy
	Orthotics
	Osteopathy
	Physiotherapy
	Podiatry
	Psychology
	Social work
	Speech pathology

Services not included in these changes

A range of other health services will continue to be funded through existing DVA arrangements, including:

	Open Arms – Veterans and Families Counselling
	Dental services
	Optical services
	Hearing services
	General Practitioner and medical specialist services
	Pharmaceuticals