



This Newsletter is issued to provide updates to DVA Contracted Community Nursing Providers

Strengthened Aged Care Quality Standards

DVA has launched a new suite of training and resources for Community Nursing providers, now available on the [DVA website](#).



The strengthened Aged Care Quality Standards (strengthened Standards) were developed by the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission for registered aged care providers. DVA has aligned the requirements of the Community Nursing Program with the strengthened Standards, which are incorporated into the [Notes for Community Nursing Providers](#).

While many DVA-contracted Community Nursing providers are also registered aged care providers and already comply with the strengthened Standards, training and resources are available to support other Community Nursing providers to understand and comply, ensuring clients receive quality care that is safe, meets their needs and preferences and upholds their rights.

All DVA-contracted Community Nursing providers are required to have systems, policies and procedures in place that align with the strengthened Standards per the [Notes for Community Nursing Providers](#). Providers are expected to ensure all staff have access to, and a working knowledge of, current program requirements and the supporting resources outlined below to meet their contractual requirements.

Fact Sheets

Providers can access helpful fact sheets to assist in their understanding of the strengthened Aged Care Quality Standards that apply to in-home care.

Online Learning Modules

To support contracted providers who aren't also registered Aged Care providers to understand and comply with the standards, DVA in partnership with the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission, has made available six short eLearning modules. Each module takes approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Self-assessment Tool

Effective implementation of the strengthened Aged Care Quality Standards may involve change and take time to embed as part of your organisation's continuous improvement approach. Community Nursing providers and their staff are encouraged to work through the self-assessment tool to record evidence of current compliance with program requirements and document priority actions to support improvement against each standard.



Community Nursing providers can access other relevant training and resources to support the delivery of safe, high-quality community nursing services on the [DVA website](#) and listed below:

- Understanding the Military Experience eLearning module
- Client resources for Community Nursing providers
- Ausmed training modules, recognised as a source of continued professional development (CPD).

Webinar: Infection prevention in Community Nursing

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing are promoting a webinar on infection prevention and control in community home care. The Webinar, hosted by the Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control is for in-home aged care leaders, managers and clinical staff.

When: Wednesday 14 October, 2:00pm AEDT

Learn about the unique challenges of community in-home aged care that differ from acute care. The webinar will cover:

- strategies for managing infectious risks in home settings
- safe clinical waste management following Environment Protection Authority requirements
- strategies to keep staff safe.

To attend the Webinar, register through the following link: [Register now](#).

Further information about infection prevention and control can be found through the following link: [Access infection prevention and control resources](#).