



Addressing shortfall caused by the cessation of the Social and Community Services Special Account

This initiative maintains current funding levels for the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) social and community care programs impacted by the cessation of the Social and Community Services (SACS) supplementation.

Why is this important?

Since 2012, the Australian Government has supplemented agency funding to support the 2012 Fair Work Australia decision to increase wages for workers in the social and community services sector. The supplementation was always a temporary measure to support the sector to adjust to increased wages. It ceases on 30 June 2021.

From 1 July 2021, the Government will increase base funding, equivalent to the level of supplementation on an ongoing basis, for those DVA programs currently receiving supplementation. The impacted programs are the Veterans Home Care, the Community Nursing and the Carer and Volunteer Support Programs.

By maintaining current funding levels, the Government delivers on its ongoing commitment to lifetime health and wellbeing for veterans and their families and ensures that the sector is appropriately remunerated for the services it delivers to the veteran community.

Who will benefit?

Veterans and their families will benefit from continued access to comprehensive community care and social support.

Date of effect?

This measure commences on 1 July 2021.

How much will this cost?

\$19.3 million over four years.

