



Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing

Dementia and Veterans Supplements – Consultation Paper

On 20 April 2012, the Australian Government unveiled *Living Longer Living Better*, a comprehensive 10 year package to reshape aged care in Australia.

The *Living Longer Living Better* aged care reform package provides \$3.7 billion over five years. It encompasses a 10 year reform program to create a flexible and seamless system that provides older Australians with more choice, control and easier access to a full range of services, where they want it and when they need it.

As part of these reforms, the Australian Government is introducing new dementia and veterans' supplements in Home Care Packages, Residential Care and other aged care programs to improve dementia and mental health care.

Subject to the passage of the amending legislation, Approved Providers will be able to claim the new supplements with respect to eligible care recipients from 1 July 2013.

A consultation paper is being released to assist stakeholders in understanding the eligibility criteria for the supplements in the different aged care settings and to provide an opportunity to provide comments and feedback.

The consultation paper is available on the *Living Longer Living Better* website at: www.livinglongerlivingbetter.gov.au – then follow the Quick Link to Current Public Consultations.

The development of the consultation paper has been informed by advice from the Dementia and Veterans' Supplements Working Group, made up of clinicians, service providers and consumer advocates, but does not necessarily represent the views of all stakeholders.

The final program guidelines will be available once the legislative framework for the program is in place.

How to provide feedback on the Guidelines

The Department is inviting stakeholders to provide feedback on the Consultation Paper. Feedback can be provided either individually or through a peak body.

If you wish to comment on the Consultation Paper, submissions should be provided to the Department by no later than close of business on **Wednesday 22 May 2013**.

Written comments can be emailed to: dementia.veterans.supplements@health.gov.au

Comments received on the consultation paper may be made publicly available on the Department's website. If you do not want your comments, or parts of your comments, made publicly available, you should clearly indicate this in your submission.