Information for Aged Care Providers

New report on aged care workforce

The 2016 National Aged Care Workforce Census and Survey, the fourth in the series, was conducted by the National Institute of Labour Studies on behalf of the Department of Health.

The 2016 report contains information about:

- size of the workforce
- characteristics of aged care workers
- experiences of working in the sector
- training and education
- staff recruitment and retention.

The 2016 report shows the workforce:

- is highly committed and stable
- has relatively high levels of job satisfaction, similar to those found in 2012
- remains mainly female, older, and in good health
- is well-qualified, with good access to further work-related training.

The Aged Care Workforce, 2016

Police Certificate Guidelines updated

The Police Certificate Guidelines, which help approved providers manage police check requirements, have been updated with minor changes.

Approved providers have a responsibility under the Aged Care Act 1997 to ensure police certificates, not more than three years old, are held by:

- all staff members who are reasonably likely to have access to care recipients, whether supervised or unsupervised
- volunteers who have unsupervised access to care recipients.

Police Certificate Guidelines

Revised guidelines for flu outbreaks in residential facilities

The Communicable Diseases Network of Australia's revised Guidelines for the Prevention, Control and Public Health Management of Influenza Outbreaks in Residential Care Facilities in Australia is now available.

These guidelines provide best practice information for:

- public health authorities
- residential care services
- carers.

The guidelines are not intended to substitute advice from other relevant sources and experts.

View the guidelines
Applying for approval to provide aged care

New streamlined application forms, which incorporate the Increasing Choice in Home Care reform changes, are now available:

- New Applicants
- Existing Approved Providers
- Government Organisations

Applicants should provide accurate, clear and complete information. If your organisation is required to provide further information, it will delay the decision on your application.

More information

Quality Indicator Program: only one week remains to submit your data

The QI data collection quarter finished on 31 March 2017.

Please ensure you submit your data by 21 April 2017 to provide you with consecutive quarterly data that can inform your quality improvement initiatives.

**Remember:** once the final data has been entered, your administrator must press ‘submit’ to complete the quarterly data submission.

ACFI Question 12.12 – additional information

On 1 January 2017 ACFI 12.12 was split into two parts:

### 12.12a – Management of arthritic joints and oedema related to arthritis by the application of tubular and/or other elasticised support bandages.

### 12.12b – Management of:

- non-arthritic oedema OR deep vein thrombosis by the fitting and removal of compression garments and/or compression bandages
- OR
- chronic skin conditions by the application and removal of dry dressings and/or protective bandaging.

In response to stakeholder queries, advice was previously provided in the 3 February 2017 article: Tubular elasticised support bandages in ACFI Question 12.12b.

Frequently Asked Questions about these changes are now available on the department’s website.

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