

Distribution: Public Hospitals
Extended Care Centres

Subject: Designation of Rehabilitation Programs

Purpose: To advise hospitals on the outcome of submissions for designation as rehabilitation programs according to the criteria set out in *Designation of Rehabilitation Programs*, and

To provide advice on the definitions and funding for the three levels of designated rehabilitation programs to operate under Program 306, Acute Health Services and Program 308, Aged Care Services.

Designation

Attachment 1 sets out those rehabilitation services which will be designated as a rehabilitation program under the criteria set out in *Designation of Rehabilitation Programs* (Nov 1993) from 1 July 1994 and includes the Level of rehabilitation which will be granted.

Definitions

There will be three Levels of designated rehabilitation programs:

Level 1

Level 1 rehabilitation is for use by designated specialty programs providing rehabilitation following spinal cord injury, head injury or amputation and where the rehabilitation episode directly follows the acute care episode in which the injury was the principal diagnosis. Subsequent episodes of care following the initial rehabilitation episode will not be considered Level 1.

Therefore, rehabilitation provided to spinal cord, head injury and amputee patients will only be funded at Level 1 following a direct transfer from the acute hospital where the acute condition was treated. Subsequent admissions for rehabilitation of these patients will be funded at Level 2. This will also apply to transfers from one rehabilitation unit to another.

Level 2

Rehabilitation programs that fully meet the criteria for designation as set out in the document *Designation of Rehabilitation Programs* (Nov 1993).

Level 3

Interim/transitional designation will be provided based on agreed bed days where the minimum rehabilitation designation criteria were not met but geographical or other considerations require the continued provision of interim services pending improved service provision or the development of service capacity in other agencies.

Funding

Funding will be provided at the following rates:

- . Level 1 \$320 bed day
- . Level 2 \$280 bed day
- . Level 3 \$250 bed day

A capped number of bed days will be allocated to agencies for each level of service. Specified grants will be finalised during the Health Service Agreement process.

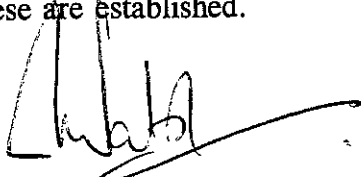
Payment will be based on a cash advance which assumes that target levels will be met, with subsequent adjustments to reflect actual numbers of bed days provided (excluding leave days), up to the target number. The target number is the cap for payment of rehabilitation services.

Reporting

All agencies with designated rehabilitation units will be required to report in the VIMD using the *Care Type* codes for rehabilitation episodes of care. An episode of care at rehabilitation Level 1 should be coded as Care Type 2, rehabilitation provided at Level 2 should be coded as Care Type 6 and Level 3 should be coded as Care Type 7. Bed days will be funded according to use of care type codes on the VIMD. In addition, where funding is provided through the Aged Care program of H&CS, the AIMS Form 308/S4 must also be completed. A sample of programs will be audited throughout the year to monitor coding.

Casemix Funding for Rehabilitation

Over the next year, the Department is seeking to develop a system for the casemix funding of rehabilitation which will eventually replace payments based on bed days. In order to achieve this, the Department has commenced a project involving the pilot collection of a minimum data set for rehabilitation which will be extended to include system wide data collection once appropriate variables are determined. Designated programs will be advised of additional data requirements once these are established.



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Designated Rehabilitation Programs

Designation	Number of Beds	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Program 306: Acute Health Program				
Royal Melbourne Hospital	48	*	*	
St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne)	26	*	*	
Austin Hospital	102	*	*	
The Alfred Group of Hospitals (Caulfield)	126	*	*	
Goulburn Valley Base Hospital	20		*	
LaTrobe Regional Hospital	20		*	
Hampton Rehabilitation Hospital	49	*	*	
Western Hospital	10		*	
Program 308: Aged Care Program				
Bairnsdale Regional Health Service	10		*	
North West Hospital	66	*	*	
Bundoora Extended Care Centre	22		*	
Queen Elizabeth Centre Ballarat	30	*	*	
Anne Caudle Centre	50	*	*	
Eastern Suburbs Geriatric Centre	60		*	
Kingston Centre	65		*	
The Mt Eliza Centre	82		*	
Grace McKellar Centre	42	*	*	
St George's & Inner Eastern Geriatric Service	44		*	
Warrnambool & District Base Hospital	14		*	
Mt Alexander Hospital	12		*	
The Beechworth Hospital*	21			*
Mildura Hospital	10			*

* The Beechworth Hospital will receive interim designation pending the establishment of rehabilitation programs at Wangaratta and Wodonga District Hospitals. Designation of Wangaratta and Wodonga District Hospitals will be formalised prior to commencement of these services.