

Changes to the Residential Medication Management Review (RMMR) and Home Medicines Review (HMR) program

Information for our GPs



What are the changes?

Clinical Pharmacy Services just got better!

From the 21st April 2020 Accredited Clinical Pharmacists can provide RMMR and HMR services via Telehealth during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are also able to provide two follow up services for your patients where this is deemed clinically appropriate. This can be done for reviews conducted from September 21st 2019.

These program rules changes will allow for Australia's elderly to be better supported to avoid medicine related harm. These changes are supported by the AMA as endorsed by their recommendations in their submission to the Royal Commission into Aged care Quality and Safety

A summary of the new program rules which govern the delivery of medication review services can be found by clicking this link: [new program rules](#)



What will the follow up review entail?

The follow up review is so we can assess the outcomes of the recommendations from the initial comprehensive medication review.

The follow ups are NOT a comprehensive MMR but will relate to one or more specific medication related issues identified at the initial review. These issues will be highlighted in our initial review to you.

The follow up review will include a clinical record of the follow up and any actions or recommendations arising for the review and this will be sent to the GP or referring medical practitioner and where possible, uploaded on to My Health Record.

The follow up is based on clinical need and should usually occur within 1-3 months of the initial review.

We do not need a signed referral for the follow up reviews.

MBS item number updates including for COVID-19 Telehealth items can be found by clicking on this link: [MBS items](#)



Reasons we may recommend a follow up review include:

Medication changes we recommended in the initial review

- Due to use of high-risk medications
- Deprescribing requiring slow tapering of dose
- Multiple medication related problems
- Serious medication related problems

Ongoing high risk of medication related problems

- Continues to take high-risk medications that require close clinical monitoring for efficacy/adverse effects
- Multiple ongoing chronic conditions
- Taking 9 or more regular medications
- Functional issues that increase risk of harm and/or reduce the chance of benefit from medicines use

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