COMMONWEALTH AGED CARE REFORMS - MARCH 2015

Welcome to the first monthly Aged Care Update. From 1 July 2015 important changes are being introduced to My Aged Care, with the introduction of the Regional Assessment Services (RAS), the launch of the My Aged Care web based system and the transition of the HACC Program to the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP). The Ministry of Health (MoH) is working with LHDs to support all staff through the changes. A NSW Health Aged Care web page is being launched to provide consistent information around implications for NSW Health. Communications material will include FAQs and PowerPoint presentations. MoH and LHD focus groups have been established and are working through the key aspects of the aged care changes to identify the effects for NSW Health front-line staff.

Key Stakeholder Meeting Updates

- 27 Feb – SEF Presentation - Implications of transition of HACC to CHSP from 1 July 2015
- 30 Mar – Aged Care Reform Transition CE Steering Committee established, to oversee key activities and support LHD readiness for 1 July 2015
- 31 Mar – MoH bi-monthly meeting with LHD HACC Transition Managers

Commonwealth Aged Care Updates

- Draft CHSP program manual and Good Practice Guide released for Aged Care sector feedback
- National Fees Policy released for consultation
- My Aged Care Concept of Operations published
- Fact Sheets & Information for assessors, service providers and consumers published (includes AUSKey set up & My Aged Care Administrators)
- National Aged Care sector briefings commenced
- Service provider & assessor helpline introduced
- More information available at: Department of Social Services

NSW Health Highlights

  - My Aged Care
  - HACC transition to Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP)
  - Links and Resources
- Monthly LHD CE Update & a monthly WebPage Update
- MoH/LHD key projects and focus groups: – Communications
  – AUSKey set up & My Aged Care Administration
  – Intake/Referral Process
  – Fees Policy

New Links and Resources

Resources available on the Aged Care webpage:
- Generic Aged Care Information Presentation
- FAQs
- Useful LHD Contacts
- NSW Health MoH mailbox created: agedcare@doh.health.nsw.gov.au

Upcoming Key Dates & Milestones

15 April – Submit Sector feedback on DSS CHSP Program Manual, National Fees Policy & Good Practice Guidelines (Wellness & Reablement)
- Service Providers advise DSS of My Aged Care Organisation Administrator

Late April – DSS release of System Set up fact sheets, User Guides & Instructional Videos