



Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing

Sharing Health Care Initiative – continuation of funding

Why is this important?

- Continuing the Sharing Health Care Initiative will ensure that more Australians with chronic illnesses are provided with the lifestyle information and strategies they need to manage their conditions on a day to day basis.
- Under this program funding is provided to develop and test different approaches to chronic disease self management, and to develop information and resources to help people with chronic disease better manage their condition.
- For example, a person with diabetes may be provided with a plan of action to help them improve their diet, undertake exercise, and to better monitor their condition.
- A particular focus of this activity will be on addressing the information needs of Indigenous people and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Who will it benefit?

- This funding will be used to develop new and improved methods of self-care and encourage their uptake.
- To date the initiative has, through more than 20 projects, helped many thousands of people who are living with a chronic disease to better manage their condition. Many more Australians will now have the opportunity to benefit in this way.

What funding is the Government committing to the initiative?

- Continued funding of \$22.4 million over four years.

What have we done in the past?

- Since 1999-00, the Government has committed \$36.6 million to the Sharing Health Care Initiative to help people better manage their chronic condition.

When will the Initiative conclude?

- This initiative is ongoing.