



# The Aged Care On-site Pharmacist Measure

Aged care providers can now engage an on-site pharmacist. The on-site pharmacist will provide expert support and advice about residents' medications and the quality use of medicines in aged care homes.

## Why is this important?

The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety identified medication management and safety in residential aged care homes as an essential area for improvement. This measure responds to the final report recommendations, in particular recommendation 38.

## How does it work?

Residential aged care homes can approach a participating community pharmacy of their choice to engage an on-site pharmacist on their behalf. If eligible providers do not come to a suitable agreement with the pharmacy of their choice, they can access funding to engage an on-site pharmacist directly.

## What will an on-site pharmacist do?

- Focus on person centred care and support informed, medication-related decision-making
- Work with multidisciplinary health care teams, both internally and externally
- Apply evidence-based practices to medication management to reduce medication-related harm and optimise medicine use
- Help with medication management and communication during transitions of care
- Carry out whole of facility, quality use of medicines activities
- Contribute to clinical governance and encourage a culture of continuous quality improvement to ensure safe and quality care for residents.

### To find out more



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