Community Programs utilising Commonwealth Funding

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Commonwealth Home Support Funding (CHSP)

Aims of CHSP

• Increased focus on restorative approach including wellness and enablement
• Promoting equity and sustainability through a national fees policy
• Reducing red tape for service providers through more streamlined funding arrangements
• Clients contributing towards cost of care and services
### New Client MAC Referral Form

**Date:**

**Person Referring:**

**Clients full Name:**

**Gender: M/F:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Clients full Address:**

**Preferred contact number:**

**Living Arrangements:**

**Is Interpreter required:**

**Preferred Language:**

**Medicare Number (including Ref):**

**Pension Number & Status:**

- Full
- Part
- Self-Funded

**Can the client be contacted by phone?**

- Yes
- No

**Name:**

**Relationship to client:**

**Phone:**

**Do they need to be present at the Assessment:**

- Yes
- No

**Would you like for the Onboarding Specialist to contact the support person prior to contacting the client?**

- Yes
- No

**Potential Services:**

- Domestic Assistance
- Social Support (1:1)
- Personal Care
- Allied Health
- Transport
- Other

**Reason for Referral:**

- Falls
- Changes in care needs
- Uncommon increasing frailty
- Change in caring arrangement
- Change in living arrangement
- Unable to determine
- Other

**Change of Cognitive status**

**Change of Medical condition(s)**

**Risk of vulnerability**

**Hospital Discharge**

**Imported / Additional Information:**

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MAC referral
Initial Physiotherapy assessment in the home

- What are the current issues, why did they refer
- Medical history
- What is the current function
- Falls history
- Functional tests eg 5 sit to stand, TUG, 6 metre walk, 4 stage balance test
- Are they receiving other services, any further referrals required
- Client goals established
- Physio program put in place.
Balance test

The Four Stage Balance Test

Overview: The Four Stage Balance Test is in conjunction with other measures such as the 20 Second Chair Stand Test and Tilted up and Go (TUG) Test and an assessment of postural hypotension can help to indicate if patient is at risk of falling.

Purpose: To assess static balance

Regiment: A stirrup

Directions: Patients are asked to perform four progressively more challenging positions. Patients should not use an assistive device (e.g., walking stick) and should keep their eyes open.

If you find the patient may be unstable and at a high risk of falling or you are unable to safely watch them, you may choose to avoid this test.

Instructions to the patients:

I'm going to show you four positions.

"Try to stand in each position for two seconds. You can hold your arms out or move your body to help keep your balance but don't move your feet. Hold this position until I tell you to stop."

Describe and demonstrate each position. Stand next to the patient, hold their arm and help them assume the correct front position.

When the patient is steady, let go, but be ready to catch them if they lose their balance.

For each stage, say "Ready, begin" and begin timing.

After 10 seconds, say "Stop."

If the patient can hold the position for two seconds without moving their feet or needing support, proceed to the next position.

If not, stop the test.

See over page for detailed patient instructions and illustrations of the four positions.
**Balance test**

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Patients aged 65 years or older who do not progress to the tandem (heel-toe) stance or cannot hold this stance for at least ten seconds are at increased risk of falling.

**Notes:**

Physiotherapy Programs

• One on one physiotherapy sessions at home or in Anglicare centres across Sydney
• Range of different exercise classes, aimed at improving strength, balance and function and reconditioning classes
• Initial assessment, 3 monthly re-assessment and assessment on discharge
• Other programs offered with CHSP funding are respite programs, social support (centre based or outings) on site podiatry, occupational therapy, consults with dietitian and transport.
• Domestic and personal care support is available through CHSP funding
Case Study

• Mrs B lives in her own home with her husband, she is 87 yrs
• Referred to my aged care by her daughter
• Cardiac surgery Feb 2017, rehab, home, a couple of falls, pneumonia, back to rehab then home with referral for physio under CHSP
• Assessment Oct 2017: 4WW, decreased confidence, poor right shoulder movement, 5 sit to stand was 27.5 sec and using arms to complete, 2 stages of 4 stage balance test. Not walking outside due to her fear of falling
• Exercise program with physio aide attending weekly
• Re assessment Dec 2017, 5 sit to stand 19.6 sec, no use of arms and now able to complete 3 stages of balance test. Walking outside with aide.