

Single site funding support for COVID-19 impacted areas of New South Wales

Update 26 June 2021

The following advice in relation to the developing situation with Covid 19 in Sydney, NSW, has been received from Department of Health on 26 June 2021. Refer to DoH BIDS announcement for further information.

The Australian Government is closely monitoring the situation in Sydney, New South Wales.

Given the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in Sydney, workers at residential aged care facilities in impacted areas are asked to limit their work to a single facility to reduce the risk of transmission and protect workers and residents. Australian Government grant funding is now available to support implementation of these arrangements during an initial two-week period, from **26 June to 10 July**, in the following areas.

Based on advice from the Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer, and in line with advice from the New South Wales Government, these arrangements are limited to residential aged care providers in the following local government areas as announced on 23 July 2021:

- City of Sydney
- Waverley
- Woollahra
- Bayside
- Canada Bay
- Inner West
- Randwick

As of 26 June 2021, there has been an extension to the geographical areas which now include the following:

- Greater Sydney including
- Central Coast
- Blue Mountains
- Wollongong
- Shellharbour

Please refer to the following map: [Greater Sydney rules and restrictions | NSW Government](#)

Providers in these areas are asked to adjust their rosters and ensure staff are only working at one residential aged care facility within this region during this time.

Workers are encouraged to speak with their primary employer and look to work all shifts during this period with the residential aged care provider where they currently work the most hours. To the greatest extent possible, the employer should seek to match any hours no longer being worked with a secondary employer to ensure the worker is not financially disadvantaged through the regular pay cycles. It is important workers also retain the security of any secondary employment. Where these arrangements result in additional workforce expenses, providers are able to seek reimbursement from the Australian Government through the [Support for Aged Care Workers in COVID-19](#) (SACWIC) Grant. The SACWIC grant opportunity remains open until **30 December 2021**.

In addition to funding support, providers can also access guidance on practical implementation of single site arrangements, including employee relations expertise, through the [Guiding Principles Support Hub](#) website or hotline on **1800 491 793**.

Placeholder: Webinar

Wednesday 30/06/21 12.30-1.30pm

The Guiding Principles Support Hub will be hosting a webinar on single site working arrangements to respond to queries from providers requesting support and information to help them move to single site operations.

The webinar will answer some of the questions we are frequently asked regarding single site operations, principles for employers and employees and how those work in practice. We will also remind providers of the process for accessing SACWIC grant funding for out of pocket expenses incurred to ensure employees are not financially disadvantaged by the move to single site working.

Registrations open Monday 28/06/21