

Single site funding support for COVID-19 impacted areas extended in the Australian Capital Territory *updated 02/09/21*

The Australian Government is closely monitoring the situation across the country.

Following the [extended the hotspot declaration](#) by the Australian Government Chief Medical Officer, Professor Paul Kelly, workers at residential aged care facilities in all Australian Capital Territory (ACT) local government areas are asked to continue limiting their work to a single facility to reduce the risk of transmission and protect workers and residents.

As [previously announced](#), Australian Government grant funding is available to support implementation of these arrangements in the ACT from 12 August; **this has now been extended to 17 September 2021**. Single site arrangements should remain in place throughout this period.

A reminder that providers should continue to ensure workers are not financially disadvantaged by maintaining their average take home pay in their regular pay cycle.

Where this results 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 31 December 2021.

In addition to funding support, a reminder that 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