

Continuous activity periods for the Support for Aged Care Workers in COVID-19 (SACWIC) Grant *Updated 22/09/21*

Continuous SACWIC funding is now available for providers in locations where multiple hotspots are declared for the same hotspot or high risk location, and are separated by less than 14 days.

Activity periods for the SACWIC grant are determined by hotspot or high risk location declarations triggering Commonwealth support. Recently, there have been declarations announced in Victoria and New South Wales where the end date for the first hotspot or high risk location and the start date of the second hotspot or high risk location are less than 14 days apart.

To better support providers in these circumstances, declarations of hotspots and high risk locations separated by less than 14 days will be considered as one activity period for the purposes of SACWIC funding. This change to the current arrangement is designed to better support providers with any costs incurred with implementing single site arrangements across hotspot periods and minimise disruption to workers.

This change will mean that providers can submit one grant application for the SACWIC grant for continuous funding across the activity period, which will encompass both hotspots or high risk locations, at the end of the activity period. This change has been reflected, for relevant hotspot or high risk areas, in Appendix 1 of the [SACWIC \(GO4215\) Grant Opportunity Guidelines](#).

Providers experiencing significant financial hardship may apply during the activity period, however these applications will be accepted on a case by case basis.