

Important Information you need to know about ACAI

- If Allied Health Professionals (AHP) are receiving payment from the division as part of their role, they will not be able to claim Medicare or private health insurance for the relevant residents receiving their care.
- If another AHP which is not on the list can be included in the program subject to departmental approval.
- Once the prescribed number of MBS items has been claimed, Medicare will make payment automatically to the nominated GP.
- The program only applies to residents in Commonwealth Funded RACF's.
- The incentive payment will only be available to GPs in practices participating in the Practice Incentive program (PIP).

Aged Care Access Initiative Aim

The aim of the Aged Care Access Initiative is to improve access to primary care (GP and Allied Health services) for residents of aged care facilities.

GPA South Gippsland is funded to undertake the ACAI allied health service delivery aspect of the program only.

Please Note: Program activities are independent to existing Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) arrangements



General Practice Alliance South Gippsland

**11 Williams Street (P.O. Box 105)
INVERLOCH, Victoria 3996**

Paul Greenhalgh
Program Coordinator
Phone: 03 56740900
Fax: 03 56743124

E-mail: p.greenhalgh@gpasouthgippsland.com.au



**Paul Greenhalgh
Program Coordinator**

**Aged Care
Access
Initiative
(ACAI)**

**General Practice Alliance
South Gippsland**

*Supporting General
Practice in the planning
and delivery of local
health care services in
South Gippsland*

Scope of Aged Care Access Initiative

The Aged Care Access Initiative (ACAI) supports improving access to GP and allied health services for residents of aged care facilities across through two separate components as follows:

A payment for clinical care provided by Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) in RACFs, where these services are not currently covered by Medicare or other government funding arrangements. This component of the ACAI will be managed by GPA South Gippsland.



An incentive payment through the Practice Incentives Program (PIP) to encourage GPs to provide more services in Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACFs). The incentive recognises some of the difficulties faced by GPs in providing care in these settings and aims to encourage GPs to continue to provide increased and continuing services in RACFs. The PIP payments will be administered through Medicare Australia. GPA South Gippsland will not be directly involved with this aspect of the ACAI.

Role of GPA South Gippsland

The division is the holder of the initiatives funds.

It employs the Allied Health Professionals on a contract basis and liaises with the Residential Aged Care Facilities to find mutually agreeable times for them to visit.

Role of the Residential Aged Care Facilities

To provide the division with a needs assessment to prioritise what allied health services they most need.

Allied health Service providers

AHPs have to come under the MBS official allied health group and be accredited by their governing body.

This funding is provided for services that are not already covered by Medicare.

They will be placed under contract with GPA South Gippsland in a fee for service market rate.

Eligible Allied health Service providers

Aboriginal Health Workers

Aboriginal Mental Health Workers

Audiologists

Chiropodists

Chiropractors

Counsellors

Diabetes Educators

Dietitians/Nutritionists

Dental/Oral Hygienists

Diversional Therapists

Exercise Physiologists

Occupational Therapists

Orthoptists

Orthotists/Prosthetists

Osteopaths

Physiotherapists

Podiatrists

Psychologists

Radiographers

Registered Nurses, with Specialists roles

Social Workers

Speech Pathologists