



Fact Sheet for Partners in Recovery, Support for Day to Day Living and Personal Helpers and Mentors providers

Commonwealth Psychosocial Support Supporting new clients and Commonwealth community mental health clients to access psychosocial support – NDIS, CoS and NPS

Purpose

The purpose of this fact sheet is to:

- outline the support arrangements from 1 July 2019 for Commonwealth community mental health clients of Partners in Recovery (PIR), Support for Day to Day Living in the Community (D2DL) and Personal Helpers and Mentors (PHaMs) to transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), Continuity of Support (CoS) or the National Psychosocial Support (NPS) program;
- outline the support that will be provided to PIR, D2DL and PHaMs service providers to support clients to transition; and
- outline the role of Primary Health Networks (PHNs) in transitioning and supporting Commonwealth community mental health clients.

What's going to change?

PIR, D2DL and PHaMs programs are ending on 30 June 2019. This is because people accessing support through these programs are required to transition to the NDIS or one of the following new programs: Continuity of Support or National Psychosocial Support.

To ensure that existing Commonwealth community mental health clients as well as people who are not currently accessing support can receive access to appropriate psychosocial services, the following initiatives have been put in place. We expect many people will stay with their current provider.

Funding will be allocated to PHNs for the following:

Program	Funding	Timeframe	Purpose
National Psychosocial Support	\$80 m (with matched funding from states and territories)	Four years from 2017-18 to 2020-21 (Services available from 1 January 2019)	To support people who are not currently receiving support, and existing Commonwealth community mental health clients who are yet to test eligibility for supports under the NDIS or who have not yet transitioned to the NDIS by 1 July 2019.
	\$121.3m	12 months (Services available from 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020)	

Program	Funding	Timeframe	Purpose
Continuity of Support	\$109.8 m	Ongoing (Services available from 1 July 2019)	To support Commonwealth community mental health clients who are ineligible for supports under the NDIS from 1 July 2019.
Interface	\$19.1 m	18 months from 2018-19 to 2019-20	Funding for PHNs to commission services for Commonwealth community mental health clients under NPS and CoS, and to support the transition of clients.

What is Continuity of Support?

CoS is a program that will provide psychosocial support to people who are currently accessing services under PIR, D2DL or PHaMs and who have been found to be ineligible for the NDIS.

Support and services commissioned through the PHNs will help clients to achieve similar outcomes to those from PIR, D2DL and PHaMs.

CoS is available from 1 July 2019.

What is National Psychosocial Support?

NPS is a program that will provide psychosocial support:

- to people with severe mental illness who are not currently receiving supports through a program, or
- are existing clients of PIR, D2DL or PHaMs who have not yet tested eligibility for supports under the NDIS, or are waiting to receive an access decision or approved support plan for the NDIS.

PHNs will commission service providers to deliver psychosocial supports under this initiative.

NPS is available from 1 January 2019.

Why has the Commonwealth contributed additional funding to the NPS?

An additional \$121.29 million of funding has been contributed by the Commonwealth to the NPS to ensure that there are no gaps in service delivery and to give Commonwealth community mental health clients more time to test their eligibility for supports under the NDIS.

In particular it is to ensure that Commonwealth community mental health clients who have not yet tested their eligibility for support under the NDIS, or are waiting to receive an access decision or plan for the NDIS, continue to receive support.

These clients will be supported for up to 12 months to test their eligibility for supports under the NDIS and transition to appropriate ongoing supports either under the NDIS or CoS.

This funding is being provided through PHNs. Bringing together all funding streams will ensure a more integrated and coordinated approach to supporting people who require psychosocial support, and enables commissioning of services at a regional and local level to meet the assessed needs of individuals and communities.

Can my organisation continue to provide Commonwealth funded community mental health services?

Current PIR, D2DL and PHaMs service providers can be funded by PHNs to provide services under the CoS or NPS programs. Organisations may also choose to provide services to NDIS participants.

Service providers are encouraged to contact their local PHN to discuss arrangements.

Funding is available to support providers to successfully transition their businesses to the NDIS through the Jobs and Market Fund and the Boosting the Local Care Workforce package. For further information visit the Department of Social Services [Jobs Market Fund website](#), or visit the Community Grants Hub [Boosting the Local Care Workforce website](#).

What support is available to service providers to transition clients to the NDIS, CoS or NPS?

PHNs will support service providers to transition clients of the NDIS, CoS or NPS.

The Department of Health has also funded Flinders University to support service providers through the NDIS Transition Support Project. This includes supporting organisations to successfully transition existing clients to the NDIS.

For further information visit the [Flinders University Transition Support Project website](#).

For further information

Requests for further information can be directed to [Psychosocial Support](#).

How will people get psychosocial support?

