

Home Medicines Review Update



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Evidence for HMRs

The University of South Australia's Quality Use of Medicines and Pharmacy Research Centre has recently released results of a study titled 'Effectiveness of collaborative medicine reviews in reducing hospitalisations for heart failure patients in the ambulatory setting'.

The objective was to determine the impact of Home Medicines Reviews on time to hospitalisation for heart failure in patients with heart failure.

In Australia, heart failure hospitalisations are estimated to cost \$140 million per annum, and delaying hospitalisation will contribute to significant cost savings to the health system.

The study ran for two and a half years and the adjusted results showed that those who had a HMR had a 46 per cent reduction in the likelihood of hospitalisation for heart failure at any time.

Overall, there was an increased time to next hospitalisation for HF patients who received an HMR (in some cases over 200 days) and



the effect was found to be clinically significant.

The results are consistent with findings that medication-related problems are contributors to admissions for heart failure.

HMR statistics update

Well done to all pharmacists and staff involved in the HMR process. July and August reported the most HMRs per month in the past two years – fantastic effort! Keep up the requests to GPs and keep promoting to patients.

Has your approval number changed?

Did you know that, if there has been a change in the approval number of the pharmacy, you need to reapply for approval with Medicare to be an HMR provider?

If you are unsure of the approval status of the pharmacy you can ring Medicare on (08) 8274 9641 and they will confirm the pharmacy's status.

Pharmacy approval application forms can be found at <http://www.medicare.gov.au/provider/pbs/fourth-agreement/files/4152-application-approval-provide-home-medicines-review-services.pdf> or from Alex Elia.

Pharmacy Checklist

Pharmacies are being encouraged to utilise the HMR Pharmacy Checklist Procedure every time they accept a HMR referral. Regular use will help the pharmacy quickly obtain all the necessary contact details as well as identifying any potential safety concerns in conducting the home visit.

To facilitate consistency across pharmacies for accredited pharmacists who may conduct HMR services for more than one pharmacy, the use of the HMR checklist is recommended.

Please help your accredited pharmacists by promoting the use of the checklist within your pharmacy.

OHMS Requirements: Staff to fill in with patient when HMR received	
Confirm patient name:	GP name
To-day's date	Confirm address:
Home phone	Mobile
What is the nearest cross street?	
Our accredited pharmacist conducts interview for HMR on _____	
What time suits you?	
Would you like a brochure on HMR?	
The HMR interview is normally at your home, is that OK?	
If yes, where?	
Would you like anyone else to be at the interview?	
If yes, who?	
Are there any language difficulties?	
Do you have any animals at home?	
If yes, please make sure that they are out of the house at the interview	
Does anyone smoke at home?	
If yes, please do not smoke while the pharmacist visits	
QCPP Requirements: Complete as HMR progresses	
Interview by	Urgent call needed
Contact Acc Pharm	Management Plan received/ attached
Print Dispensing History/ attached	Any Notes on Patient history
GP notified if delay	Any follow up noted
CMI, self care card with HMR	Entered on claim form
Confirmation of Interview/ attached	Claim sent/copy attached
Report received/ attached	Remuneration received

Attach this document to HMR for completion

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