# **HealthLinks Chronic Care**

Patient identification and funding arrangements Version 1 – October 2016

Responsive and adaptive care along with active management can result in better outcomes for people living with chronic conditions, and may help reduce their need for inpatient care. A key goal of **HealthLinks Chronic Care** is to better identify patients who are at higher risk of multiple admissions to hospital as a result of chronic and complex care needs. The **HealthLinks Chronic Care** funding model removes some of the funding barriers to delivering alternative models of care for these patients.

## **Patient identification and selection**



Patients are removed from cohorts based on exclusion criteria (see below for details)

## **Exclusion criteria**

The following are excluded from capitated funding arrangements:

### Excluded by patient type

• Private hospitals

# Excluded for 12 months by principal reason for admission<sup>1</sup>

• Maternity care

#### **Statewide services**

- HIV
- Poliomyelitis

- Compensable patients
- Medicare ineligible
- Prisoners
- All patients under 18 years of age
- Radiotherapy or chemotherapy
- Palliative care
- Major trauma
- Mental health care
- Cystic fibrosis
- Spinal cord injury
- Thalassaemia
- Transplant patients
- Victorian respiratory support service

1 While renal dialysis patients can be enrolled in HealthLinks, episodes of dialysis treatment are excluded.





## How capitated funding works





**Capitated funding** 



- Capitated funding is based on the estimated cost for the number of people being treated.
- Capitated funding can be used flexibly, with some funds used to pay for an alternative model of care that supports people at home or in the community and aims to reduce unplanned hospital admissions.

admissions through alternative models.

Any hospital admissions that occur are funded from the total pool. Reducing admissions may reduce the total cost.

For further information: consult the policy and funding guidelines 2016 (<u>https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/</u>policy-and-funding-guidelines) or *HealthLinks Chronic Care business rules* (contact DHHS on 1300 650 172).

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