

Palliative Care – Bethlehem Community Palliative Care Service (BCPCS)

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Program	External program
Program code	BETHM (non-financial program).
Definition	Bethlehem Community Palliative Care Service (BCPCS) provides interdisciplinary care and case management to people in the end stages of a terminal illness. BCPCS and RDNS have a Shared Care Agreement.
Responsibility	RDNS general.
Referrals	<i>To</i> RDNS centres and BETHM. <i>From</i> BCPCS
RDNS centres covered	Caulfield and Moorabbin.
Type of service	Palliative care – shared care between BCPCS and RDNS. Multi-disciplinary team includes social workers, nurses, bereavement councillors, pastoral care, music therapy and medical consultant.
Eligibility/criteria for accepting referral	Progressive terminal illness with a prognosis less than six months. <i>Overseas visitors</i> As determined by BCPCS.
Health insurance	Some health insurance policies may cover visits by RDNS. Clients need to liaise with their insurance company.
Fees	RDNS charge as per the HACC fees policy provided in the <i>RDNS Financial Agreement form</i> (refer to <i>RDNS policy reference</i> below). BCPCS does not charge a fee for their service.
Liaison charge	Not applicable.
Consumables	Client is responsible for the cost of consumables.
Continuity of care/Core	Not applicable.

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Access responsiveness	Prioritisation according to need. All BCPCS clients will have a <i>Site Assessment Tool (SAT)</i> completed on admission.
RDNS policy reference	CP-B05 <i>Managing a shared care client with external organisations</i> CP-B06 <i>Determining client fees</i>
Contract/agreement	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Manager Community Palliative Care and GM/DON South/East Region. <i>Contract responsibility</i> GM/DON South/East Region. <i>Contact responsibility</i> Centre Managers – Caulfield, Moorabbin and Springvale. General Manager/Director of Nursing South/East Region. <i>Expiry date</i> 2005
Other programs permitted	Yes
Comments	The nursing component of the care is equally divided between the staff of BCPCS and RDNS. BCPCS utilise the RDNS client care records when the client is being provided with care from both agencies.
Reference/source of information	Palliative Care Clinical Nurse Consultant based at RDNS centre Caulfield.
Current HACC subsidisation	Not applicable.

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