

Glossary and Abbreviations Aged Care Homes

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Acronyms	Description
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACAS	Aged Care Assessment Service
ACE ward	Acute Care of the Elderly ward
ACH	Aged Care Home commonly known as Aged Care Residential Facility or Residential Aged Care Facility
Accredited Pharmacist Review	Residential Medication Management Review – a review of residents' medication regime by Accredited Pharmacists
AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Allied Health Worker - AHW	Other than medicine and nursing: for eg physiotherapists, occupational therapists, psychologists, social workers and dieticians
CACPS	Community Aged Care Packages
Care Plan	Residential Aged Care defines a care plan as “The result of a process of developing goals with and for the resident, selecting the best possible course of action to achieve those goals and directing and guiding nurses and other staff together with the resident towards resolving the resident's problems and achieving expected outcomes.”
CDAMS	Cognitive, Dementia and Memory Assessment Service
DGP	Division of General Practice
DHAC / DHA	Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care / Ageing
DHS	Victorian Department of Human Services
Div 1	Nurse Registered Nurse (RN)
DON	Director of Nursing
EACH	Extended Aged Care at Home (aged care package)
EPC	Enhanced Primary Care MBS Item – Medicare Benefits item for GPs to contribute to a care plan and or case conferencing regarding residents' health.
HACC	Home and Community Care (program)
HARP	Hospital Admission Risk Program
HART	Handicap Assessment Resource Tool
HITH	Hospital in the Home (program)
IDC	Indwelling catheter
Locum	Medical Deputising Service
MAS	GPs provided by a medical deputising service in metropolitan areas
MBS	Medicare Benefits Schedule
Medication Management	All activities associated with the assessment of appropriateness of medication prescribed, the dispensing and administration of medication and the provision of appropriate information.
PAC	Post Acute Care (program)
PCA/PCW	Personal Care Attendant / Worker – workers in Aged Care Homes
PIP	Practice Incentive Program