

Service Providers that can be included in Team Care Arrangements (Item 723)

(Information from Paragraphs A.22.18 and A.22.19 from the MBS Book)

- To develop Team Care Arrangements (TCAs) for a patient, at least two health or care providers who will be providing ongoing treatment or services to the patient must collaborate with the GP in the development of the TCA.
- Each of the health or care providers must provide a different kind of ongoing care to the patient.
- Only one other member of the team may be another medical practitioner (e.g. specialist or consultant physician but not usually another GP).
- The patient's informal or family carer may be included in the collaborative process but does not count towards the minimum of three collaborating providers.
- The collaboration between the coordinating GP and participating providers must be based on two-way communication between them, including oral and in writing (e.g. by exchange of fax or e-mail). It should relate to the specific needs and circumstances of the patient. The communication from providers must include advice on treatment and management of the patient.

Examples of Service Providers that can be include in Team Care Arrangements:

(NB: This is not a comprehensive list)

Allied Health Professionals such as:		
Aboriginal health workers	Exercise Physiologists	Physiotherapists
Asthma educators	Mental health workers	Podiatrists
Audiologists	Occupational therapists	Psychologists
Dental therapists	Optometrists	Registered nurses
Dentists	Orthoptists	Social workers
Diabetes educators	Orthotists or Prosthetists	Speech pathologists
Dieticians	Pharmacists	

Community Care Service Providers such as:	
<i>(Provided they are contributing to the plan & not just providing a service)</i>	
Alcohol & Drug support workers	Respite services
Chaplain	Home & Community Care (HACC) service providers, e.g.
Child care workers	- Meals on Wheels & other meal services
Community nurses	- Domestic assistance
Community support groups	- Community transport
Continence Adviser	- Neighbour Aid (social support)
Disability service providers	- Community Options
Education providers (teachers)	- Home maintenance & modification
Home nursing & home help	- Home Care
Personal care workers	Community Aged Care Package (CACP) coordinators
Probation officers	Extended Aged Care in the Home Package (EACH) coordinators
	Consumer Advocacy Case Workers

Medical Specialists/Consultant Physicians such as:		
<i>(only one specialist or consultant can be included on the team)</i>		
Cardiologist	Ophthalmologist	Radiologist
Dermatologists	Orthopaedic Surgeon	Psychiatrist
Endocrinologist	Neurologist	Respiratory Physician
Gastroenterologist	Paediatrician	Urologist
Geriatrician		