



## WA HACC PROGRAM CHANGES TO WA HACC FEES POLICY - JULY 2013

As a result of feedback from service providers and clients the WA HACC Program conducted a review of the Fees Policy, standard fees schedule and the income assessment/fee reduction process. The following changes will come into effect from 1 July 2013:

- Income Levels have been reduced from three to two.
- Transport fees have been aligned to the two income levels, to be consistent with other support services.
- A new range for short one way trips - up to 10 kms has been added with a fee of \$5 per one way trip to apply to Level 1 Income.
- The kilometre range of 61 to 90 kms has been changed to 61 – 99 kms to align with the criteria for PATS of 100 kms.
- The Fees Cap has been increased to align with the maximum fee for community care packages changes in March 2013 of \$9.17 per day = \$64.19 per week.
- The fee reduction process has been streamlined.
- The WA HACC Fees Policy has been reviewed and updated to reflect current practices.

### Fewer Income levels

Since 2007 the WA HACC Program has based Level 3 Income on the Seniors Health Card Limit of \$50,000 – single and \$80,000 – couple. These limits have not been increased, and with increases to the basic rate of pension in March 2013, there is now very little difference between Level 1 and Level 2 income ranges and therefore combined into one income level.

### Home Maintenance Fees

To clarify fees charged by the WA HACC Program for Home maintenance, as this support service is often provided by more than one person, fees apply to the hours of assistance provided by the number of people in a team, therefore:

One person for an hour - the fee is	\$8
Two people for an hour - the fee is for 2 hours	\$16
Three people for an hour - the fee is for 3 hours	\$24

