

Department of Veterans' Affairs **funded** Dose Administration Aid Service (DVA DAA Service)

This service provides for pharmacy-filled sealed blister pack dose administration aids for eligible Veterans' Affairs patients (holders of Gold, White, or Orange Repatriation Cards) who are living in the community. (Patients who are in a hospital or a Commonwealth funded Aged Care Home are not eligible). The service is ordered via a DVA Authority script from the Veteran's GP. A review of the service is required after 5 months to assess suitability for ongoing supply.

A **Home Medicines Review** is **highly recommended** in order to establish the likely benefit of the service, the correct medication regimen, and to assist with non-packed items (eg Asthma/COPD devices, eye drops, patches, creams & ointments topical agents, etc). (Note: HMR is not mandatory).

Summary

- **A referral for an HMR is forwarded to the pharmacy by the GP.**
- The HMR is conducted via usual processes, and specifically addresses likely benefit of the DAA service to the Veteran
- **GP contacts VAPAC (Veterans' Affairs Pharmaceutical Advisory Centre) 1800 552 580 for the authority prescriptions for an Authority Prescription for DAA filling service for 6 months (1 + 25 repeats).**
- Pharmacy provides the DAA filling service and claims DAA filling fee from DVA with authority scripts/repeats (\$10/week x 26 weeks, code 99647N)
- Pharmacy flags the Veteran for review of the service at week 20
- GP writes authority script for the **Veterans Six Month Review (VSMR)**. **Forms** can be downloaded from the DVA website at www.dva.gov.au/health/DAA/pharmacy.htm, by contacting VAPAC on 1800 552 580, or contact us at the Network by email for copies to be sent.
- Pharmacy conducts the VSMR between week 20 and 25 (before new script for filling is needed)
- Pharmacy faxes the VSMR report to DVA plus sends a copy to the GP.
- Pharmacy claims VSMR fee from DVA using VSMR authority script (\$100 per review, code 99648P)
- **GP obtains an authority script for next six month's filling (VSMR report must be received by DVA before the next authority will be provided to the GP)**

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