

Message from the Chief Allied Health Officer on permitted work arrangements



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An important message from the
Chief Allied Health Officer

Information on Stage 4 restrictions

If you operate as a private practitioner or within an Allied Health private practice setting, you (or your employer) will need to ensure that your patients/clients fit within the inclusion criteria for an 'essential' service: www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/business-industry-stage-4-restrictions-covid-19

Routine services are **not** permitted.

Care must **only be** provided if the absence of, or delay of this care, would result in a significant change/deterioration in the patient/client's functional independence necessitating escalation of care

Defined as:

- ***a requirement for specialist input/review,***
- ***an increase in care needs and/or alternate accommodation,***
- ***avoiding a hospital admission or emergency department presentation***

These directives are about protecting the public and protecting health workers. Practitioners must critically consider if the service is essential for the patient/client in the next 6 week period. This is about saving lives.

There are no restrictions on the delivery of Allied Health services via Telehealth. We would encourage private practitioners to consider using Telehealth where at all possible so that patients/clients can continue to benefit from their Allied Health services.

