

THE 2017 ACFI USER GUIDE: WHAT'S CHANGED & WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

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The new ACFI User Guide and Answer Appraisal Pack for 2017 are here! Find our easy to understand summary below to see what has changed, and what those changes mean for you.

REPLACEMENTS / CHANGES TO SYSTEMS	WHAT HAS CHANGED	WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU
<p>Inclusion of National Screening and Assessment Form (NSAF)</p>	<p>As ACCRs have been replaced by the NSAF since February 2016, the NSAF should be included in the ACFI pack when available.</p>	<p>The NSAF can be provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In hard copy, as part of the completed Answer Appraisal Pack • Via email to the Department's relevant email address • Via the My Aged Care service provider portal
<p>Records of Treatment</p>	<p>Records of Treatments are required in the ACFI Pack for a reasonable period post the appraisal date.</p>	<p>This is to provide evidence that the treatment is continuing post the submission date. Although records for a reasonable period now need to be included in the ACFI Pack, treatment records still need to be continued for as long as the treatment is being provided.</p>

DEFINITIONS	WHAT HAS CHANGED	WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU
<p>Clarification of “End of Life”</p>	<p>The ACFI User Guide now refers to the Palliative Approach Toolkit for Residential Aged Care Facilities for the definition of “End of Life”.</p>	<p>The Toolkit refers to End of Life Care as “Terminal” and provides a pathway for providing high quality care in the last week or days of one’s life, once there are signs and symptoms suggesting that they may be dying.</p>
<p>Therapeutic Massage</p>	<p>Definition of Therapeutic massage as “skin to skin contact (or through / over clothes or towel) between the therapist and the care recipient.”</p>	<p>Hands-on contact between the therapist and the care recipient needs to be provided to support therapeutic massage.</p>
<p>Health Professionals</p>	<p>Further definition of an allied health professional as a person who is an:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupational Therapist • Physiotherapist • Podiatrist • Chiropractor • Osteopath <p>and is registered by the national board for their profession, or a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dietician • Speech Pathologist <p>who is accredited by their professional body.</p>	<p>Directive and treatments that need to be provided by an allied health professional can only be completed by a health professional that meets these requirements.</p> <p>Treatments can still be provided by a different health professional as long as it is a listed health profession.</p>

ANSWER APPRAISAL PACK QUESTIONS	WHAT HAS CHANGED	WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU
<p>ACFI Questions 2 to 4</p>	<p>Supervision in locomotion, dressing and undressing, washing and drying, grooming, positioning on the toilet and toilet completion now includes the wording “commitment of one staff member standing by to provide assistance...”</p>	<p>Direct One-on-One supervision needs to be available to complete the identified care needs.</p>
<p>ACFI Question 6</p>	<p>If the PAS has not been completed, alternative supporting evidence such as a clinical report must be provided in the ACFI Answer Appraisal Pack. Page 5 of the 2017 ACFI User Guides identifies that a clinical report must be completed by a registered health professional in the following disciplines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP • Medical Specialist (Pain, Palliative Medicine, or Geriatric Medicine) • Psychologist • Registered Nurse or Nurse Practitioner 	<p>If an interpretive score is completed for ACFI Question 6, a clinical summary of how the resident presents clinically in relation to their cognitive ability needs to be provided by an identified registered health professional.</p>
<p>ACFI Question 11</p>	<p>“D” rating and timeframes for medication administration has been removed.</p>	<p>A timing for medication administration over a 24 hour period is no longer required.</p>

ACFI Question 12.4b

Addition of a time requirement of “at least 80 minutes of staff time in total”.

Directives for 12.4b claims need to include the required time frames within them.

ACFI Question 12.5

Requirement is now for “confined to bed and/or chair **AND** cannot self-ambulate”.

To effectively claim ACFI 12.5 both of these requirements need to be met.

ACFI Question 12.12

Has been split into 12.12a and 12.12b where:
12.12a – management of arthritic joints and oedema related to arthritis
12.12b – management of non-arthritic oedema OR deep vein thrombosis OR chronic skin conditions.

12.12a attracts 1 point where 12.12b attracts 3 points. Both 12.12a and 12.12b can be claimed but if this occurs, the maximum points attracted is 3.

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