

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-318

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: AGED CARE AND POPULATION AGEING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Please provide details as to what are the current parameters for medication review of residents in aged care facilities including:

- a) Who is responsible for conducting such review.
- b) Who can initiate such review.

Answer:

- a) The Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement contains a program for medication reviews of residents of Commonwealth funded residential aged care facilities called the Residential Medication Management Review (RMMR) program.

Under the RMMR program, accredited pharmacists can provide medication reviews for patients at risk of medication misadventure, in collaboration with a general practitioner (GP).

- b) The responsibility for initiating a RMMR lies with the GP. The RMMR may involve other members of a health care team as appropriate to a patients clinical need.