

DENTAL *CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT (CDM)* INFORMATION

Did you know that some of your resident's may be eligible to claim up to \$4,250.00 over a two year period under the Medicare scheme?

Are you aware of what is required to activate the *CDM* Program?

*Here is some **IMPORTANT** information for you and your staff.*

- Resident's **MUST** be assessed as having a 'Chronic Condition'.
- GPDV Medicare update November 2006 states: "All residents of Aged Care Homes are eligible for a Contribution to a Care Plan (Item 731)".
- A Chronic Condition is one that has been or is likely to be present for at least 6 months.
- Examples of Chronic Conditions include but are not limited to Asthma, Diabetes, Cancer, Heart Disease, Arthritis & Mental Health conditions.
- Resident's GP **MUST** contribute to the facilities Care Plan. The extent of the contribution is up to the GP.
- The invitation to contribute **MUST** come from the Aged Care Facility. Best way is to distribute a proforma letter such as the one attached.
- Item 731 **MUST** be claimed by the GP.
- *CDM* Dental Referral **MUST** be completed, signed by the GP and returned to the facility.
- The facility **MUST** forward all signed consents and Dental *CDM* Referrals to Alpha Dental 14 days prior to the booking date.
- Item 731 is a funding source for GP's and they **DO NOT** need to physically consult on the resident.
- Copies of all documentation from Alpha Dental will be provided to both the facility and the GP as required under Medicare Regulations.
- Medicare can fund up to \$4,250 over a two year period which **DOES NOT** impact on any other Allied Health *CDM* Consultations.

Alpha Dental has supplied you with an example of a Proforma Letter, a copy of the required *CDM* Dental Referral for the GP to sign and a copy of the Consent form for the resident/relative to sign.

These forms can be returned to Alpha Dental via either mail or fax. (Details in header)