

DENTAL *CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT (CDM)* INFORMATION

Did you know that your relative may be eligible to claim up to \$4,250.00 over a two year period exclusively towards Dental services under Medicare? This doesn't impact on any other benefits available to your relative!

Are you aware of what is required to access this funding?

*Some **IMPORTANT** information to help you.*

- Talk to the Aged Care facility staff OR your relative's Doctor to discuss eligibility for what is called the *Chronic Disease Management (CDM)* Program.
- Your relative **MUST** be assessed as having a 'Chronic Condition' by their Doctor.
- A Chronic Condition is one that has been or is likely to be present for at least 6 months, like Asthma, Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, Cancer, Heart Disease, Arthritis & Mental Health conditions.

Three things need to happen for Medicare to approve funding under this scheme.

- Your relative's Doctor needs to contribute in some way to your relative's Care Plan within the facility.
- The Doctor **MUST** claim an 'Item 731' through Medicare. This shows Medicare that the Doctor has agreed that it is important for your relative to be assessed by a Dentist and as a result **has completed, signed and returned** a *CDM* Dental Referral form to the facility.

Once all these things have happened we are able to provide an on site dental service for your relative and assess what oral care is required, if any. Of course we keep the relative / caregivers fully informed and ask for consent before attending to any required work.

We look forward to assisting in maintaining the oral health of your Relative.