

Concession for Excess Water Use for Home Haemodialysis

- On Monday 26 July 2010 the Minister for Health announced an initiative to assist people in need of home haemodialysis treatment, through the ACT Government Concessions Program.
- The program will offer a specific water concession for the cost of excess water charged for home haemodialysis.
- People in need of home haemodialysis are a unique patient group whose treatment at home requires the use of large amounts of water and the payment of excess water charges.
- Home haemodialysis is a viable alternative to hospital or community based dialysis, as it is a more flexible treatment option.
- The barrier of an inability to afford increased excess water costs for people who choose to and are able to dialyse at home has now been reduced.
- People who will receive assistance for home haemodialysis were identified as meeting the following criteria under the ACT Government Concessions Program:
 - access to an essential healthcare service;
 - equity of access to essential services for vulnerable people; and
 - opportunities for everyone to participate and contribute to our community.
- People in need of home haemodialysis will be entitled to access up to \$1,200 per annum to assist with the water cost required to operate home haemodialysis.
- The program will be funded by the ACT Government and administered by ACTEW.
- Home owners who are liable for excess water due to the use of home haemodialysis in the ACT may apply directly ACTEW for the water concession.
- Tenants (private and public) who are liable for excess water due to the use of home haemodialysis in the ACT should apply directly to the ACT Concessions Program through DHCS.
- The Program will commence from 1 October 2010.