



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Health and Ageing**

Dear Community Aged Care Packages (CACP), Extended Aged Care at Home (EACH) and Extended Aged Care at Home Dementia (EACHD) package service providers.

**CACP, EACH and EACHD care recipient contribution rates effective 20 March 2009**

The Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Hon Jenny Macklin MP, recently announced the new pension rates, effective 20 March 2009.

This new basic aged pension rate should be used when calculating the maximum daily CACP, EACH and EACHD care recipient contributions.

Accordingly, from 20 March 2009, the maximum contribution for CACP, EACH and EACHD recipients will increase from \$6.78 to \$6.87 per day. For those care recipients whose income exceeds the basic rate of pension, the maximum fee is 17.5% of the person's income to the level of the basic pension, plus up to 50% of income (minus tax and the Medicare levy) above the basic pension.

Should you require any additional information, please contact Andrea Fleming, Senior Project Officer, Community Programs Section on [andrea.fleming@health.gov.au](mailto:andrea.fleming@health.gov.au) or phone (02) 6289 1684.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rita Evans'.

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