



SWEP Prescriber Communique Aids & Equipment Program – Home Modifications Update Changes effective July 1st 2016

Dear Prescriber

On the 16 June 2016, a Prescriber Communique was released relating to the changes for SWEP Home Modifications. The following is an update of some of these changes which will start to be rolled out from the 1 July 2016, with further updates to follow shortly.

Approval in Principle

All applications for home modification to SWEP will be processed using an Approval in Principle (AIP) model. This means that subject to verifying that the information submitted is correct, the appropriate supporting documents have been provided, the modification requested falls within the [Victorian Aids and Equipment Program Guidelines](#) and that the client is eligible, 'approval in principle' will be granted. Within this model, the Builder, tradesperson and other building professional are only engaged when funding is imminent. An AIP model eliminates Builders having to provide an initial quote followed up with a second quote just prior to the commencement of works.

Home modifications under \$1000

There are no significant changes in the way prescribers apply to SWEP for this category. As most of the home modifications in this category are considered non-structural, there is no need for Architect or Draftsperson to provide diagrams.

SWEP Registration and Credentialing of Builders

The introduction of a registration and credentialing process will verify a Builder's qualifications, suitability and experience to work with clients that receive SWEP Home modifications. A list of SWEP registered and credentialed Builders will be accessible for clients and prescribers ensuring they select a Builder that can complete the home modifications to the required standard.

Prescriber feedback

If you are interested in providing feedback regarding the new SWEP Prescriber Guidelines for Home Modifications before they are released or if you have any questions, please contact Narelle Harrison on 03 5333 8115 or Nick Grakini on 03 5333 8128.

