Funding Models Forum

Emergency Departments
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In 2017-18, health services with patients that:

- Present to the emergency department and are subsequently admitted will continue to have their emergency component of care funded as WIES.
- Present to the emergency department and do not become an admitted patient will continue to have their emergency component of care funded through the Non Admitted Emergency Services Grant (NAESG).
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In 2015-16 and 2016-17, the department implemented reform to better align non-admitted and acute admitted funding pools to reflect health services’ reported activity and costs.

At the statewide level, the model included:

• an 80 per cent fixed funding pool
• a 20 per cent variable funding pool based on health services’ proportional shared of non-admitted emergency presentations
• grant lines in health service’s modelled budgets that reflect on a NAESG component and a transition component aligning activity and costs to funding

Realignment of funds to better reflect activity saw a net movement of NAESG funding to the WIES funding pool across the sector and resulted in an increase of WIES price.
In 2017-18, in recognition of the increased demands across emergency departments in 2016-17, no funding will be removed from the NAESG and redirected to the WIES pool.

However, the NAESG has been updated using the most recent data and the current funding redistributed across the two grants based on the modelled outcomes.

Services are encouraged to review their allocation of emergency department costs across their admitted and non-admitted patients during 2017-18, in particular the 2016-17 cost data submission.

The department will continue review the funding of emergency departments in 2017-18 in light of growth in emergency department demands, costs and activity delivered to inform the 2018-19 funding model.