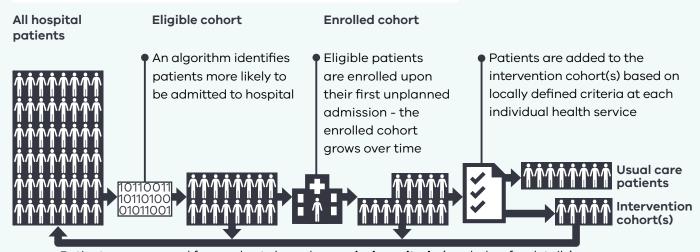
HealthLinks Chronic Care

Patient identification and funding arrangements

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Responsive and adaptive care along with active management can result in better outcomes for people living with chronic conditions, and may help reduce their need for inpatient care. A key goal of **HealthLinks Chronic Care** is to better identify patients who are at higher risk of multiple admissions to hospital as a result of chronic and complex care needs. The **HealthLinks Chronic Care** funding model removes some of the funding barriers to delivering alternative models of care for these patients.

Patient identification and selection



Patients are removed from cohorts based on **exclusion criteria** (see below for details)

Exclusion criteria

The following are excluded from capitated funding arrangements:

Excluded by patient type

- Private hospitals
- Compensable patients
- Medicare ineligible
- Prisoners
- All patients under 18 years of age

Excluded for 12 months by principal reason for admission¹

- Maternity care
- Radiotherapy or chemotherapy
- Palliative care
- Major trauma
- Mental health care

Statewide services

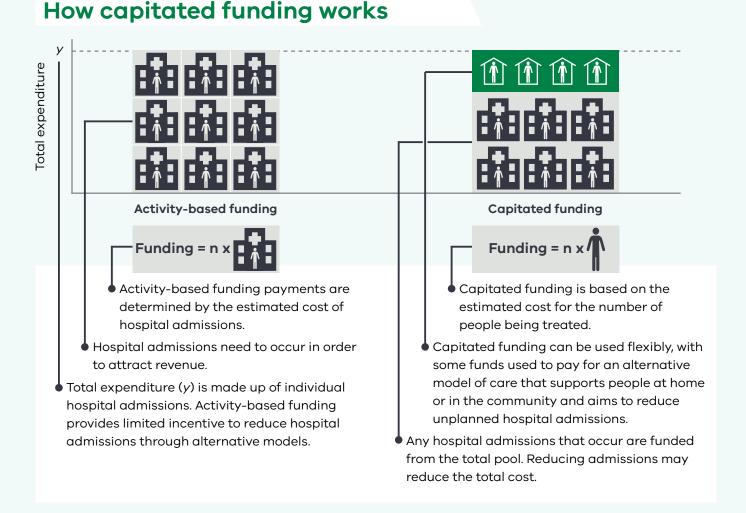
- HIV
- Poliomyelitis
- Cystic fibrosis
- Spinal cord injury
- Thalassaemia
- Transplant patients
- Victorian respiratory support service
- 1 While renal dialysis patients can be enrolled in HealthLinks, episodes of dialysis treatment are excluded.



Funding arrangements equivalent separation **All WIES** WIES for eligible cohort Capitation for enrolled funding cohort The eligible cohort is Activity-based Capitated funds pay for the funded through usual funding is converted alternative model of care for the intervention cohort(s) and acute WIES funding prior to capitated funding to enrolment and (at a rate of 2.2 WIES) admitted care for both groups including the enrolment based on the expected admission number of enrolments Usual care Intervention

Funding for excluded patients is converted back to WIES funding

WIES = Weighted inlier



For further information: consult the policy and funding guidelines 2016 (https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/ policy-and-funding-guidelines) or HealthLinks Chronic Care business rules (contact DHHS on 1300 650 172).

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