

Example Summary – Aged Care On-site Pharmacist (ACOP) Activities

Visibility & Engagement

- Pharmacist spends time in visible areas to observe resident mobility, activities, and general wellbeing.
- Provide support in Memory Support Units by listening to staff concerns and offering targeted clinical input.
- Engage with residents, families, and staff to clarify medication changes, discuss vaccination options, and support deprescribing requests

Daily Workflow

- Check for new admissions, hospital returns, and new referrals from GPs or nursing staff.
- Prioritise detailed medication reconciliation for new or returning residents.
- Attend nursing clinical handover to discuss changes in resident care.
- Participate in virtual allied health meetings with nurses, doctors, physios, speech pathologists, and social workers.
- Meet with aged care management to exchange updates on clinical activities.
- Discuss weekly medication reviews with visiting GPs to support collaborative decision making.
- Conduct on-site GP round support, providing clarification and medication expertise in real time.

Medication Review Activities

- Perform medication reconciliations for:
 - New residents (including gathering missing clinical information and building rapport).
 - Hospital discharges (verifying changes, preventing unnecessary additions, calculating Drug Burden Index).
- Complete comprehensive annual medication reviews (more often for high-risk residents).
- Conduct post fall medication reviews and opportunities for deprescribing.
- Review new infections—checking antimicrobial choice, renal dosing, interactions and monitoring needs.

Vaccination Activities

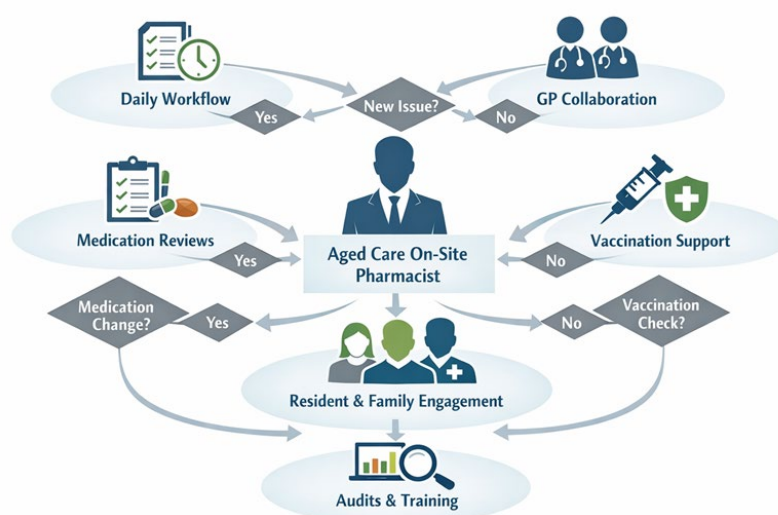
- Offer NIP and COVID-19 vaccinations to eligible and consenting residents.
- Review vaccination status during medication reviews.
- Improve uptake for shingles and pneumococcal vaccinations.

Collaboration & Support

- Work closely with the supply pharmacy to streamline dose times and support well-being focused initiatives.
- Follow up with residents and clinical teams after GP rounds and provide written resources where needed.

Scheduled / Periodic Responsibilities

- Conduct quarterly clinical audits (polypharmacy, psychotropics, antibiotics, vaccination rates) and present at MAC meetings.
- Manage imprest stock monthly to ensure adequate medication supply.
- Deliver quarterly education and toolbox training on medication safety and quality use of medicines.
- Meet with families (on request) to discuss medication concerns and provide reassurance.
- Increase understanding and response to individual resident needs.



ACOP eligibility

RACH Bed Band	FTE rate	Max on-site days per week	Max days on site days per month	Maximum annual payment amount (funded)
1-50	0.2	1	5	\$27,595.75
51-100	0.4	2	10	\$55,191.50
101-150	0.6	3	15	\$82,787.25
151-200	0.8	4	19	\$110,383.00
201-250	1.0	5	23	\$138,282.00
251-300	1.2	6	28	\$165,877.75
>300	1.4	7	33	\$193,473.50