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SWEP Communique to Prescribers

As a follow on to our communique last week, SWEP received a significant allocation of funding in June that need to be fully expended by Friday 30th June. As per my previous communique, the way we are allocating the funding may initially seem confusing and not appear to align with our Priority of Access Guidelines, but it is important that you understand that the funding has been targeted specifically at those people over the age of 65 years who had been on our waiting list for specific categories of equipment. It is important to note that we were unable to target waitlist applications for clients who required high cost home modifications, or where the supplier was unknown.

To meet the deadlines required to ensure that this funding was fully expended and met acquittal requirements, there are many clients that we were unable to contact prior to placing orders. We now have a project team in place to follow up on orders placed to ensure that there is no change to original recommendations made by prescribers prior to delivery.

It is possible that you have clients that you may be keen to escalate urgency for that already have orders in place – please bear with us while our team work through confirming orders so that we can get those items to our clients as quickly as possible. You can enquire directly with the teams at SWEP about this prior to lodging a Review Request Form if your client meets the target group that this funding was targeted for (>65 on the waiting list, not requiring a home modification and a supplier had been identified).

We are very excited that nearly 4,000 people will benefit from this funding and reduces wait times for people over the age of 65 significantly.

There will be further activity over coming weeks as we coordinate delivery to our clients, and you may be required to confirm no change to original recommendations or suitability of items. We know you will be just as excited as we are about the difference this funding will make for our clients.

We thank you in advance for your support during this period. If you have any queries in relation to this please direct your queries to Lauren Lennecke via email on laurenl@bhs.org.au

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeni Burton".

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