

## A10. ASSESSMENT

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Section:	Home Care
Applies To:	Board, Management and Staff of all IAC Home Care Services
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### Background and Purpose

The IAC's Home Care policies articulate our aims, goals and philosophies in caring for our Elders. They explain how the Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation works with its staff, carers and other agencies to ensure that our Elders are afforded the best and most appropriate care and that we meet all of the requirements of the Department of Social Services.

### Principle

The IAC recognises and understands the expertise of the Home Care Assessment Team in assessing the needs of prospective clients and the capacity of the IAC to deliver appropriate services.

The IAC also recognises its role in supporting prospective clients throughout the assessment process and in ensuring that it has the capacity to meet the needs of the client.

The IAC is committed to working with Department of Social Services in an open and positive manner to ensure that Elders are supported and engaged throughout the assessment process to ensure that they receive services that are appropriate to their needs.

### Our Commitment

*The IAC will ensure that:*

- the assessment is conducted by the ACAT team in collaboration with the Home Care Coordinator
- the assessment of an Elder occurs prior to the provision of services and the allocation of staff and resources
- the assessment considers the reasons for the allocation, the social and medical history, the cultural identity of the Elder and the capacity of the IAC to meet the current identified needs, interests and wellbeing of the Elder.
- carers and staff receive the necessary information, resources and support to enable appropriate care for each Elder after the assessment process
- information provided by other service providers is utilised to ensure that the client receives the most appropriate level of service

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### COMPLIANCE

*This policy complies with:*

- The Aged Care Act 1997
- Community Care Common Standards
- Home Care Package Program Guidelines

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### REFERENCES

*This policy should be read with:*

- Community Care Common Standards - Standard 2 - Appropriate Access and Service Delivery - 2.2 Assessment
- HCPP Guidelines A2 - Home Care Packages
- HCPP Guidelines C - Accessing a Home Care Package