

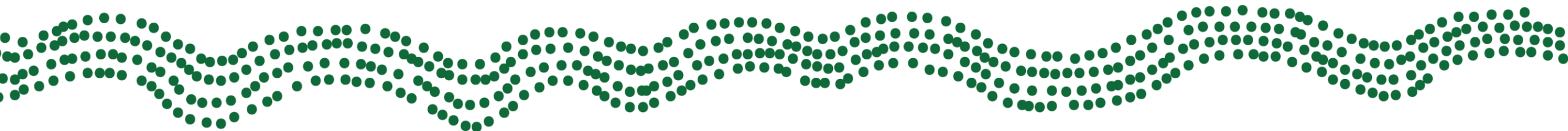
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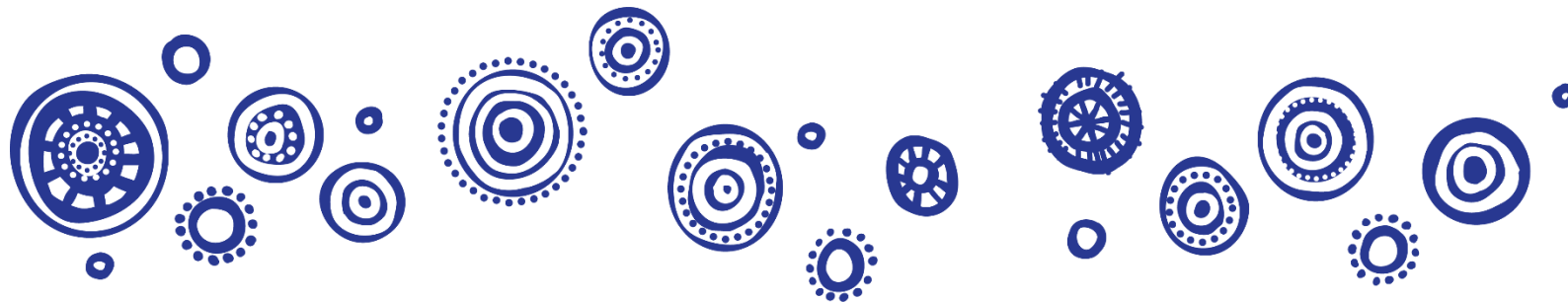
# Temporary MBS Allied Health Services for people living in residential aged care facilities

- Many people in RACF have experienced deconditioning because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Deconditioning is a complex process of physiological change following a period of inactivity and bedrest
- Increasing access to allied health services in person, and remotely via telehealth if appropriate, will help residents maintain and improve their health and wellbeing
- Medicare benefits are available for up to five (5) subsequent/standard allied health services per patient per calendar year.



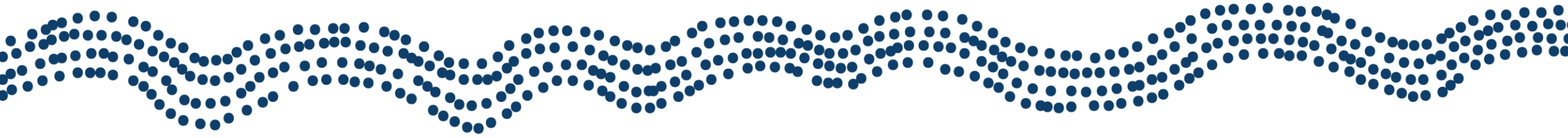
## Extended access to the Hospital Health Provider Portal (HPP or ‘the Viewer’)

- From 25 January 2021 health practitioners registered under the professions of nursing, midwifery and paramedicine are now able to register for, and access, the HPP regardless of the type of facility or organisation they work for
- For further information on how nurses, midwives and paramedics can register for access, go to [www.health.qld.gov.au/hp-portal](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/hp-portal) or email [connectingqld@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:connectingqld@health.qld.gov.au)



## My Aged Care Portal Hospital Trial

- Hospital referral is a key pathway for patients to get referred to My Aged Care
- Hospital staff do not currently have access to client information or their support plans in My Aged Care – causing inefficiencies and delays
- The Department of Health has designed a secure hospital portal for hospital staff to access My Aged Care client data
- A three-month trial is currently underway in the ACT before national rollout



# COVID-19 Vaccination Rollout

- 98% of Brisbane North RACFs have completed in-reach vaccination clinics for residents
- Residents who are still requiring a COVID-19 vaccine can access this through a:
  - general practice
  - visiting GP
  - Commonwealth clinic or
  - State vaccination clinic
- Aged care workers, disability care workers and people aged 40-49 can now [register for the COVID-19 vaccine](#) at a Queensland Health vaccination location.
- All people over 50 can book an appointment via a GP, Aboriginal Controlled Community Health Service, Commonwealth or State run clinic
- The Australian Government has announced the introduction of a new reporting tool for all approved providers of residential, in-home and community aged care services to report on the COVID-19 vaccination status of their aged care workforce

