



## **Draft National Allied Health Workforce Strategy**

In March 2025, Cancer Council Australia completed a submission to the Department of Health and Aged Care providing feedback on the draft National Allied Health Workforce Strategy. This Strategy is aimed at identifying issues including the shortage of allied health professionals in Australia, outlining steps recommended to ensure there are enough allied health professionals, and that the workforce meets the needs of diverse Australian communities.

Cancer Council's submission included the following recommendations:

- A review to determine whether self-regulation remains appropriate for allied health professionals.
- The inclusion of digital health literacy as an aspect of workforce capabilities and the need for a sector-wide education strategy tailored to the unique and diverse demographic characteristics of the allied health professionals.
- Consideration of how best to support and increase the role of allied health professionals in relevant health promotion and preventative programs and activities designed to promote health and wellbeing.
- The importance of considering the role of bicultural allied health workers to ensure allied health professionals meet the needs of multicultural communities.
- The inclusion of strategies to support digitally enabled models of care in allied health to improve the interoperability and integration of digital health technologies to improve care and leverage the benefits of multi-disciplinary care to improve service access, efficiency and responsiveness.

Information about the progress of the consultation can be found on the Department's consultation webpage: <https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/national-allied-health-workforce-strategy>.