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**HIGHLIGHTS OF REFORMS AND NEW INITIATIVES**

**CHRONIC DISEASE:**

<b>Reforms and New Initiatives</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Issues</b>
<b>Rehabilitation for Chronic Disease</b>	Publication of rehab policy as part of NSW Chronic Care Program	There is poor penetration of Rehab programs into target chronic disease market. Maximising use of common components of specialty-based rehab programs.

**OTHER:**

<b>Reforms and New Initiatives</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Issues</b>
<b>SAFTE Pilot (Sub-Acute</b>	A pilot in 4 sites aimed at reducing ED presentations/admissions in older patients by sending a	Up to 80% of ED attendances by older patients are avoidable. Difficulty of identifying reliable flags

<b>Fast Track for the Elderly)</b>	multidisciplinary response team to the patient's home when early signs of deterioration in condition are identified by GP/Ambulance Officer/carer etc.	of early decline. \$4M funding for this pilot for one year.
<b>Clinical Service Redesign Program: Integrated Aged Care/ Chronic care projects</b>	Redesign projects in seven Area Health Services aimed at improving co-ordination of services for the elderly and those with chronic disease.	Ambitious large projects. Redesign funded to approx \$10M for these projects. Challenge of engaging numerous services across continuum of patient journey.