

**Subject:** Guidance Material feedback - Aged care Standards - inclusion of MAA  
Spiritual Care Guidelines  
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Hello,

I write to give feedback about the Guidance Material for the new Australian Aged Care Quality Standards.

I note that while there are many links to spirituality and spiritual care in the Guidance Material, the federally funded National Guidelines for Spiritual Care in Aged Care have not been referenced – this seems to me to be an oversight that needs urgent correction. The Spiritual Care Guidelines are a great resource for organisations, are used by my organisation – Baptcare in respect of the provision of Aged Care. They are freely available to download from Meaningful Ageing Australia's website:

<https://meaningfulageing.org.au/product/national-guidelines-for-spiritual-care-in-aged-care-digital-copy/>.

Properly resourced, professional and authorised spiritual care, respectful of diversity, is a key service area in Aged care and will greatly assist aged care facilities and services to provide appropriate person centred care.

I respectfully suggest the Spiritual Care Guidelines for MAA should be included.

Thank you