

**Subject:** Guidance Material feedback

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Dear sir/madam

I am writing with feedback about the Guidance Material for the new Australian Aged Care Quality Standards. I note that although 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. The Spiritual Care Guidelines are a great resource for organisations and 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/>.

I was fortunate enough to have a significant role in the development of these Guidelines and was greatly encouraged and enthused not only by the significant funding provided for their development by the Department of Health and Ageing but also the interest in and enthusiasm for the Guidelines development by Departmental staff. Additionally, the Guidelines were developed and formulated with significant input from a broad cross section of aged care providers, professionals and consumers and industry peak bodies including the direct involvement of the CEOs of the Aged Care Quality Agency and LASA.

I suggest the Spiritual Care Guidelines should be included.

Thank you