



# Enjoying care at home

PEOPLE with a state-based health fund are able to enjoy private hospital care from the comfort of their home, without reaching into their own pocket.

HBF and Silver Chain have combined to present a program for patients with less severe medical conditions such as urinary tract and respiratory infections, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolisms and cellulitis.

The HBF members will be admitted to the program by their GP or specialist who can oversee their progress and

treatment.

A registered nurse will monitor the patient's condition and administer medication in the patient's home.

Silver Chain's Access Care Network Australia general manager Ricki Smith said the two groups shared a similar vision to improve the health and well-being of the community.

HBF is the first health fund in WA, and one of the first health funds in Australia, to offer this service to their members.

"We congratulate HBF

on seeing the advantage to their members of being able to access top quality private health care in the comfort of their own home," Ms Smith said.

The partnership, which was formalised on June 5, commences immediately and is available to selected members with hospital cover.

As part of the program, HBF will provide members with a pantry pack of easily-prepared meals and two hours of home-care assistance for cleaning, clothes washing, meal preparation and shopping where required.