



## **New Zealand Aged Care Association**

### **Aged Residential Care Sector Welcomes Spot Audit Trial**

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The NZ Aged Care Association (NZACA) welcomes the trialling of Spot Audits in the aged residential care sector.

“Aged care providers have promoted the idea of spot audits that focus on care delivery for a number of years. We are pleased to have got to the stage of trial audits.” Mr Simon O’Dowd, NZACA chairman, said today.

The spot audit tool was developed jointly between the Ministry of Health and aged care providers. The aim has been to have an audit that looks at care delivery not policies and procedures.

The Spot Audit regime also aims at replacing duplicate audits carried out by DHBs and mid term certification surveillance audits.

“Since 2003 it was recognised that these duplicate audits were a waste of time and money, so the sector is very pleased to be undertaking this trial which we believe will implement a spot auditing system to finally resolve this long standing problem”, Mr O’Dowd said.

**A statement by the NZ Aged Care Association (NZACA), formally Health Care Providers NZ.**

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