Reviewer's report

Title: Home and community care services: a major opportunity for preventive health care?

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This is an innovative study that provides sound data to support a shift in HACC policy and program delivery. Since its inception, HACC has been a very service delivery focused program which has seemed to be resistant to changes towards integration of health promotion and prevention. The conclusions drawn about the potential for prevention in the HACC client group are very reasonable and important. The article should be published and sent to policy people in Canberra and the states/territories of Australia.

The article is well written. I only have two minor edits:

The sentence: 'HACC MDS data for the period 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2008 were available for our study' is repeated

There is some repetition in the discussion of points already made in the Results section. Editing these would make the article more succinct and readable.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests