Proposed changes to Commonwealth Home Support Programme service list to align with Support at Home

This fact sheet outlines what Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) providers need to know about the proposed changes to the service list from 1 July 2025.

What do these changes mean for CHSP providers?

From 1 July 2025, there will be changes to the way that CHSP services are described, regulated and delivered. These changes are driven by the new Aged Care Act (new Act) and align to the Support at Home program. This means the types of services delivered must be for older people with an assessed care need under the new Act and the defined service list.

For more information on the new Aged Care Act.

Alignment to Support at Home service list

From 1 July 2025, there will be a standardised service list across all in-home aged care programs, with some exceptions.

This means there will be changes in the CHSP service list:

- The structure of the CHSP service catalogue will change, including terminology changes (refer Table 1: Service catalogue structure).
- The names of many service types and services will change.
- Inclusions and exclusions will be defined and clarified for some services.

It is important to note that the CHSP services providers deliver will not change, however there are slight differences in the naming conventions.

Table 1: Service catalogue structure

Current CHSP Service catalogue structure	Proposed CHSP service catalogue structure from 1 July 2025
Service group	Service group level (i.e., clinical, independence, everyday living, advisory services, sector support)
Service type level	Service type level (e.g., domestic assistance or meals)

Current CHSP Service catalogue structure	Proposed CHSP service catalogue structure from 1 July 2025
Service sub-type level	Service level (e.g., general house cleaning, laundry, shopping services, or meal delivery)

A more standardised service list will make it easier for all aged care providers, older people and their families to understand what services can be delivered and how providers can use their funding. It will also clarify what should and should not be delivered under each service type.

Overall, this alignment will prepare the CHSP sector for the expected transition to Support at Home no earlier than 1 July 2027.

The Department of Health and Aged Care (the department) is currently analysing feedback from the consultation on the <u>legislated service list</u>, submissions closed 31 October 2024.

The proposed changes to each CHSP service type are summarised in **Appendix A**.

The <u>Support at Home Program service list</u> and <u>2025-2027 CHSP service catalogue</u> is available on the department's website.

Key changes proposed for the CHSP service list

Other food services rolled into revised meals service type

From 1 July 2025, the meals service type will contain 2 services – meal delivery and meal preparation. This change means that:

- Meals services (at home/at centre) have been consolidated into meal delivery.
- Other food services have been consolidated under meal preparation.

Table 2: Changes to meals and other food services

Current CHSP service list	Proposed CHSP service list from 1 July 2025	
Meals	Meals	
At Home	Mool dolivon	
At Centre	Meal delivery	
Other Food Services		
Food Preparation in the Home	Meal preparation	
Food Advice, Lessons, Training, Food Safety		

For the 2025-27 CHSP extension grant, meals providers will be contracted at the service level to account for different unit price for meal preparation and meal delivery.

Find more detailed information about these reporting requirement in the <u>proposed Data</u> Exchange changes factsheet.

Proposed social support and community engagement service type

The new social support and community engagement service type will cover services that support a person's need for social connection and participation in community life.

This service type will capture the supports currently provided under:

- Social Support Individual
- Social Support Group
- Client Advocacy services (under Specialised Support Services).

It will cover services that support a person's need for social connection and participation in community life. Supports under this service type may include:

- service identification and linkage support.
- assistance to participate in social interactions (in-person or online).
- visiting services, telephone and web-based check-in services.
- accompanied activities (e.g., support to attend appointments).
- support to engage in cultural activities for people with diverse backgrounds and life experiences.

Note: Unlike the Support at Home service list, expenses to maintain personal affairs is not listed as a separate service under the CHSP.

Table 3: New social support and community engagement service type

Current CHSP service list	Proposed CHSP service list from 1 July 2025	
Social Support Individual	Social support and community engagement	
Visiting	Individual social support^	
Accompanied Activities	Accompanied activities	
Previously offered under SSS	Cultural support	
Not currently offered	Digital education and support	
Telephone/Web Contact	Offered under Digital education and support	
Not currently offered	Assistance to maintain personal affairs	
Social Support Group	Croup again aupports	
Support - Group	Group social support^	

[^]For the purposes of the 2025-27 CHSP extension grant, providers will be contracted at these 2 service levels to account for the differing unit prices for these services in current contracts.

Table 4: Funding level for individual social support and group social support

Funding level	Service
Group social support	Group social support
Individual social support	Individual social support
Individual social support	Accompanied activities, cultural support, digital education and support, assistance to maintain personal affairs

Providers delivering the services outlined under the individual social support service will have the ability to accept referrals and report against the other services grouped under Individual social support services outlined above.

Respite services in the proposed CHSP service list

We have listened to sector feedback wanting a more fluid approach to delivering respite services is required. Under the current system, if a CHSP client has been assessed for Flexible Respite and decide this doesn't work for their needs, they have to go back for another assessment to get a new referral code to swap to Cottage Respite or Centre-based Respite.

We are consolidating flexible respite and community and centre-based respite services under a new **home or community general respite** service type to:

- provide clearer service descriptions
- minimise clients having to go back through the assessment and referral process again
- allow flexibility so that clients can receive the appropriate respite service according to their changing needs.

Community cottage respite will remain a separate service type.

The services that can be delivered under flexible, community and centre-based and cottage respite will not change.

Home or community general respite

- Flexible respite: provides respite through in-home, community, host family and mobile services.
- **Community and centre-based respite**: provides respite through group activities, small group day outings or attending a residential aged care facility.

Table 55: Home or community general respite service types

Current CHSP service list	Revised CHSP service list from 1 July 2029	
	Home or community general respite	
Flexible Respite		
Community Access - Individual Respite		
Host Family Day Respite	Flexible respite	
Host Family Overnight Respite		
In-home Day Respite		

Current CHSP service list	Revised CHSP service list from 1 July 2025
In-home Overnight Respite	
Mobile Respite	
Other Planned Respite	
Centre-based Respite	
Centre-based Day Respite	
Community Access - Group	Community and centre-based respite
Residential Day Respite	
Overnight Community Respite	

Community cottage respite

• **Cottage respite**: overnight respite provided in a place other than the home of the carer, client or host family.

Table 66: Community cottage respite service type

Current CHSP service list	Revised CHSP service list from 1 July 2025
Cottage Respite	Community cottage respite
Overnight Community Respite	Cottage respite

Allied health and therapy services

Allied health and therapy services will be split into:

- Clinical service group: allied health and therapy services
- Independence service group: therapeutic services for independent living.

The decision to allocate services to either allied health or to therapeutic services was based on a determination of which services were most aligned with clinical needs versus support for independence.

- Allied health and therapy services: cover a wide range of health disciplines that help
 maintain or improve general health, physical function and well-being. These services
 typically focus on rehabilitation, prevention and chronic disease management.
- Therapeutic services for independent living: focus more on therapy that enhances functional independencies in daily living activities.

There will be additional services listed under these services. For example, under allied health and therapy services:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker has been split into 2 services:
 - o Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner assistance
 - o Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner Health Worker assistance
- Counselling or psychotherapy and music therapy have been added.

There are some current CHSP service sub-types that are no longer listed as a distinct service, but can be delivered under one of the other allied health services, including:

- Hydrotherapy, which could be delivered under exercise physiology, physiotherapy or allied health assistance.
- Ongoing and Other Allied Health Services and Restorative Care Services, which have been removed and we will work with providers to reallocate funding to an alternate service on the service list.

There are a few additional services that can now be delivered under therapeutic services for independent living, including:

- acupuncture
- chiropractic
- · remedial massage
- art therapy
- · osteopathy.

Appendix A provides more information about changes to allied health and therapy services.

Specialised Support Services (SSS)

We are proposing to making changes to reduce duplication of services across the aged care system and provide the necessary regulatory protection under the new Act.

SSS providers will be asked to realign their services, where possible, to other service types under the new service list. For example, allied health and therapy services, social support and community engagement, nursing or personal care. Unit pricing will correspond to the newly mapped service.

Appendix B provides an overview of how SSS will be realigned to other services.

We acknowledge that some services may not easily realign, such as vision and dementia advisory services. In these circumstances, SSS providers will continue to be funded through a separate schedule in their CHSP agreement for SSS for one year. During 2025-26 financial year, we will work with these providers on future funding arrangements beyond 30 June 2026.

Sector Support and Development (SSD)

Since 2021, we have been working to improve the intent of SSD services by:

- introducing primary focus areas
- establishing a community of practice
- expanding service delivery to a national level.

SSD will not be part of the new service list as the services are provider focused and not aligned to direct service delivery to individual clients.

As a result, we are looking at ways to support the entire in-home aged care sector through an In-Home Sector Support Program. To achieve this, the existing SSD sub-program will likely be extended by one year through a separate schedule to the CHSP grant agreement.

We will consult with SSD providers on a possible program redesign during 2025-26 financial year with the intention of implementing any changes from 1 July 2026.

Appendix C provides an initial overview of what may be included in a revised In-Home Sector Support Program from 1 July 2026.

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CHSP services provided in addition to the Support at Home service list

Home adjustments & equipment and products

These services will **operate in parallel** with the new Assistive Technology and Home Modifications (AT-HM) Scheme when Support at Home commences from 1 July 2025.

In their aged care assessment (or re-assessment), older people will be assessed for either:

- CHSP for equipment and products, and/or home modifications.
- Support at Home for the AT-HM Scheme.

People will be directed to the AT-HM Scheme if they are assessed as also requiring Support at Home, or to CHSP if they require only low risk/low cost Goods, Equipment and Assistive Technology (GEAT) and/or home modifications.

Through the CHSP, the service types will be:

- Home adjustments: clients will continue to receive subsidised home modification services through the CHSP. CHSP home modification funding will be aligned to Support at Home and will increase the subsidy from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per annum.
- **Equipment and products:** clients can continue to access low-cost GEAT through the CHSP with support of up to \$1,000 per year.

Table 7: Equipment and products, and home adjustments service types

Current CHSP service list	Revised CHSP service list from 1 July 2025	
Goods, Equipment and Assistive Technology	Equipment and products	
Self-care aids	Self-care products	
Support and mobility aids Care modifications	Mobility products	
Not currently offered	Domestic life products	
Reading aids Personal monitoring technology Communication aids	Communication and information management products	
Medical care aids	Managing body functions	
Other goods and equipment	Not proposed to be offered	
Home modifications	Home adjustments	

Current CHSP service list	Revised CHSP service list from 1 July 2025
Home modifications	Home modifications

Respite & hoarding and squalor assistance

Respite and hoarding and squalor assistance services will continue to be offered under the CHSP. However, they are currently not part of the new Support at Home service list. Support at Home participants will be able to access these services through an assessment, if required.

In 2025-26 financial year, we will work with those CHSP providers who are funded to deliver this service to confirm how this will be managed from 1 July 2027.

Assistance with Care and Housing sub-program is proposed to be renamed to hoarding and squalor assistance (service type level). Hoarding and squalor supports (service level) will allow an older person to access support which aids in implementing relevant care and/or a one-off clean-up of the person's home.

Table 8: Hoarding and squalor assistance service type

Current CHSP service list	Revised CHSP service list from 1 July 2025
Assistance with Care and Housing	Hoarding and squalor assistance
Hoarding and Squalor	Hoarding and squalor supports

There will be DEX reporting changes for respite and hoarding and squalor assistance which is detailed in the <u>proposed DEX changes factsheet</u>.

Changes to flexibility provisions from 1 July 2025

Currently, flexibility provisions apply across all CHSP service types and service sub-types. The provisions allow providers to respond to changes in demand for services by reallocating funds between services and across Aged Care Planning Regions (ACPRs). There are rules governing the use of flexibility provisions to make sure that service gaps are not created and to maintain compliance with performance reporting requirements. CHSP providers can use flexibility provisions when there is a demonstrated need (e.g. through My Aged Care referral requests).

From 1 July 2025, the vast majority of the current flexibility provisions will remain the same. However, we will be narrowing the scope for home adjustments, equipment and products and SSS so that funds cannot be moved in or out of the service type without written approval. These are the same conditions that already apply to hoarding and squalor assistance and SSD.

These additional restrictions will enable us to identify the baseline funding required for SSS and home adjustments, equipment and products services, without being skewed by funding moving in or out. In addition, the restrictions will inform how these home modifications and equipment and products will interact with Support at Home and the AT-HM Scheme from 1 July 2027.

Support at Home participants accessing CHSP services

In most cases, older people will only be able to receive in-home aged care services from one program at a time. They can access services through either the CHSP or Support at Home.

However, some exceptions will apply during the transition period (1 July 2025 to no earlier than 30 June 2027) until the CHSP moves to Support at Home:

Social support group

Support at Home participants who have transitioned from the CHSP may continue to access their existing CHSP social support group on an ongoing basis to allow the continuity of social relationships. This **only** applies to Support at Home participants attending a pre-existing CHSP social support group service.

Hoarding and squalor assistance

Support at Home participants can access hoarding and squalor assistance services through the CHSP (in addition to their Support at Home funding) via reassessment for those:

- who are living with hoarding behaviour or in a squalid environment
- who are at risk of homelessness or unable to receive the aged care supports they need.

Community cottage respite

Where a Support at Home participant's individualised budget has been fully allocated and a carer requires community cottage respite, the participant may access additional planned short-term respite services through the CHSP.

What do providers need to do?

We will continue to work closely with aged care service providers, older people and everyone connected to the aged care system to ensure the transition to new CHSP arrangements happens as smoothly as possible.

In the meantime, we encourage CHSP providers to:

- Make your staff aware of the changes that are coming from 1 July 2025, including the introduction of a new Aged Care Act and the Support at Home program.
- Plan to make changes to your systems, business processes and policies in relation to the CHSP in coming months.
- Reassure your existing clients that CHSP services are continuing.
- Look out for communications from the department to stay across the latest information as it becomes available.

Next steps

We will keep CHSP providers informed about planned changes to the CHSP and action they need to take.

There will be future opportunities for consultation with CHSP providers in 2025.

The 2025-27 CHSP extension grant opportunity will be published on <u>GrantConnect</u>. In December 2024, we will contact providers about their proposed 2025-27 grant agreement.



Appendix A: CHSP service list comparison

Legend: & Flexibility Provisions apply | # Support at Home exceptions

Service group	Current CHSP Service List	Proposed CHSP Service List		
	Service type	Service type	High level description	What's changing
	Domestic Assistance	Domestic assistance	The provision of or assistance with domestic services to ensure an older person remains safe at home.	Service names
	General House Cleaning	General house cleaning		
	Linen Services	Laundry services		
_	Unaccompanied Shopping (delivered to home)	Shopping assistance	No hourly caps for CHSP services under domestic assistance.	
	Home Maintenance	Home maintenance and repairs	assistance with maintenance of the house and garden to ensure a safe and	Replacing "major and minor" services with "assistance with home maintenance and repairs".
	Garden Maintenance	Gardening		
Repairs	Major Home Maintenance and Repairs	Assistance with home maintenance and repairs		
	Minor Home Maintenance and Repairs			
	Meals	Meals	The provision of meals to older people to ensure	Differentiation between meal
	At Home	Meal delivery	proper nutrition is	delivery and meal

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Service group	Current CHSP Service List	Proposed CHSP Service List		
	Service type	Service type	High level description	What's changing
	At Centre		maintained, including advice on meal preparation.	preparation services for clearer reporting outcomes.
	Other Food Services	Meals		
	Food Preparation in the Home	proparation.		
	Food Advice, Lessons, Training, Food Safety	Meal preparation		Other Food Services will transition to meal preparation services.
	Social Support Individual	Social support and community engagement	The delivery of services that support an older person's need for social connection and participation in community life including diverse cultural activities. The provision of direct and indirect transport services to connect an older person with the community and attend their usual activities.	Consolidated into one service type to alignment to the Support at Home service list. Services have also been updated based on current scope. Providers will continue to be funded at either
	Visiting	Individual social support		
	Accompanied Activities e.g. Shopping	Accompanied activities		
	Previously offered under SSS	Cultural support		
	N/A	Digital education and support		
	Telephone/Web Contact	Offered under Digital education and support		
Independence	N/A	Assistance to maintain personal affairs		
	Social Support Group			individual social
	Support - Group	Group social support		support or group social support.
	Transport	Transport		Proposed to include rideshare services.
	Direct (driver is a volunteer or worker)	Direct transport		
	Indirect (through vouchers or subsidies)	Indirect transport		

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Service group	Current CHSP Service List	Proposed CHSP Service List		
3 .	Service type	Service type	High level description	What's changing
	Personal Care	Personal care	The provision of support for an older person to engage in activities of daily living that help them	Service names changed to align to the Support at Home service list.
	Assistance with Self Care	Assistance with self-care and activities of daily living		
	Assistance with Client Self- administration of Medicine	Assistance with the self- administration of medication	maintain appropriate standards of hygiene and grooming.	Re-alignment of continence advisory services.
	Previously offered under SSS	Continence management (non-clinical)		001110001
	Nursing	Nursing care	The provision of clinical care supports and	Re-named and the new services are
	N/A	Registered nurse	education services provided by a nurse.	based on the professionals eligible to deliver services under this service type (i.e. registered nurses, enrolled nurses and nursing assistant).
	N/A	Enrolled nurse		
	N/A	Nursing assistant		
Clinical Supports	Allied Health and Therapy Services	Allied health and therapy services	The provision of supplementary services	Split into allied health and therapy
	Accredited Practising Dietitian or Nutritionist	Diet or nutrition	that restore, improve, or maintain an older person's health, wellbeing and independence.	services, and therapeutic services for independent living. Allied health
	N/A	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner assistance		
	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker assistance		services are focused on clinical needs.
	N/A	Allied health assistance		
	Hydrotherapy	Offered under Allied health assistance, Exercise		

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Service group	Current CHSP Service List	t Proposed CHSP Service List		
3	Service type	Service type	High level description	What's changing
		physiology, or Physiotherapy		
	N/A	Counselling or psychotherapy		
	Exercise Physiology	Exercise physiology		
	N/A	Music therapy		
	Occupational Therapy	Occupational therapy		
	Ongoing Allied Health and Therapy Services	N/A		
	Other Allied Health and Therapy Services	N/A		
	Physiotherapy	Physiotherapy		
	Podiatry	Podiatry		
	Psychology	Psychology		
	Restorative Care Services	Can be offered under other Allied health services depending on professional delivering		
	Social Work	Social work		
	Speech Pathology	Speech pathology		
Independence	N/A	Therapeutic services for independent living	The provision of supplementary therapy	Therapeutic services are a nev
	N/A	Acupuncture	functional indep independencies in daily living activities. independencies in daily therapendencies.	service type with a independent living focus more on
	N/A	Chiropractic		
	Diversional Therapy	Diversional therapy		therapy that
	N/A	Remedial massage		enhances
	N/A	Art therapy		functional independence in
	N/A	Osteopathy		independence in

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Service group	Current CHSP Service List	Proposed CHSP Service List		
.	Service type	Service type	High level description	What's changing
				daily living activities.
	Assistance with Care and Housing	Hoarding and squalor assistance & #	The provision of support for an older person who	Service name changed to align to
	Assistance with Care and Housing - Hoarding and Squalor	Hoarding and squalor supports	is homeless, at risk of homelessness, or unable to receive the aged care supports they need because of living with hoarding behaviour or living in a squalid environment.	the Support at Home service list.
	N/A	Home or community general respite	The provision of respite as a form of temporary	Merged Flexible Respite and Centre
	Flexible Respite		relief to support and	Based Respite to "home or community general respite" to assist with improving the
	Community Access - Individual Respite		maintain care relationships between	
	Host Family Day Respite		older people and their carers.	
	Host Family Overnight Respite	Flexible respite	Jan 516.	user experience
	In-home Day Respite			and outcomes for carers at the point
	In-home Overnight Respite			
	Mobile Respite			of assessment.
	Other Planned Respite			
	Centre-based Respite	Community and centre-		
	Centre-based Day Respite			
	Community Access - Group	- based respite		
	Residential Day Respite			
	Overnight Community Respite			

Service group	Current CHSP Service List	Proposed CHSP Service List		
g p	Service type	Service type	High level description	What's changing
	Cottage Respite	Community cottage respite #	The provision of overnight care delivered	Service name changed to align to
	N/A	Cottage respite	in a cottage-style respite facility setting to support and maintain care relationships between older people and their carers.	the Support at Home service list.
	Goods, Equipment and Assistive Technology	Equipment and products &	The provision of goods, equipment, or assistive	Services have been re-named and
	Self-care Aids	Self-care products	technology to enable an	consolidated to
	Support and Mobility Aids	Mobility products	older person to perform tasks they would	align to the AT-HM Scheme.
	Car Modifications	Mobility products	otherwise be unable to	
	New service	Domestic life products	do, promote safety and	
	Reading Aids	Communication and	independence, or support wellness and	
	Personal Monitoring Technology	information management	reablement goals.	
	Communication Aids	products		
	Medical Care Aids	Managing body functions		
	Other Goods and Equipment	N/A		
	Home Modifications	Home adjustments & #	The provision of modifications to an older	Service name changed to align to
	Home modifications	Home modifications	person's home to prevent accidents and support independent living.	the Support at Home service list. Annual cap increased to \$15,000 to align to the AT-HM Scheme.

Service group	Current CHSP Service List	Proposed CHSP Service List		
	Service type	Service type	High level description	What's changing
	Specialised Support Services	Specialised Support Services &	The provision of specialised services	Will only be extended for 1 year
	Continence Advisory Services	Continence advisory services	for frail older people who are living at home with	until 30 June 2026. Not part of the
	Dementia Advisory Services	Dementia advisory services	a clinical condition and/or	current service list
	Vision Advisory Services	Vision advisory		due to the lack of regulatory protection. Currently looking to transition SSS services to other CHSP service types to streamline service delivery, where possible.
Advisory Services	Hearing Advisory Services	Hearing advisory services		
	Other Support Services	Other clinical advisory support		
	Client Advocacy - Advisory and Support Services for Diverse Groups in Aged Care	Client advocacy		
Sector support	Sector Support and Development	Sector support and development &	Services aim to increase CHSP provider capability and improve quality of service delivery through activities under a targeted range of primary focus areas.	Will likely be extended by one year while consultation on a program redesign occurs in 2025.



Appendix B: Summary of proposed changes to Specialised Support Services from 1 July 2025

SSS Stream	Alignment Approach
Continence advisory services	Re-aligned to: • Nursing care – Registered nurse • Nursing care – Enrolled nurse • Nursing care – Nursing assistant • Personal care – Continence management (non-clinical)
Client Advocacy	Re-aligned to: Social support and community engagement – Cultural support Social support and community engagement – Individual social support Social support and community engagement – Group social support
Dementia advisory services	Remain in SSS until 1 July 2026. Providers will be funded via a separate Schedule to their grant agreement.
Hearing advisory services	Re-aligned to: • Social support and community engagement – Assistance to maintain personal affairs • Allied health and therapy services – Occupational therapy
Other support services	We will work with providers to re-align services to more appropriate CHSP services.
Vision advisory services	Remain in SSS until 1 July 2026. Providers will be funded via a separate schedule to their grant agreement.



Appendix C: Initial considerations for the design of an In-Home Sector Support Program

Activity	Description	Eligible provider group
Capability support	 Activities which support in-home aged care providers to uplift their capability to meet obligations in delivering aged care services which meet the Aged Care Quality Standards through: Development and/or review of clinical and business processes and policies to achieve best practice. Improving computer literacy of staff to use the new aged care Information and Communications Technology (ICT) systems being rolled out with aged care reform. Supporting providers who have identified areas where they need help to meet their regulatory compliance obligations. Assistance to develop operational processes to support reporting requirements under Support at Home/CHSP. Supporting providers to maximise client wellbeing, independence, autonomy and capacity through a wellness and reablement approach. Networking, partnerships and information sharing across the sector. Improving diversity and inclusion in how services are delivered, including culturally appropriate training for 	Eligible providers must have specialist knowledge and skills to support in-home aged care providers enhance operations and/or connections with a wide array of in-home aged care providers to support departmental policy reform efforts.

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Activity	Description	Eligible provider group
	staff. Includes a focus on first nations service delivery through mainstream services.	
Sponsorship	 Sponsorship to support local community events that have a focus on older people/aged care system. Sponsorship of Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations to hold events focussed on older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Supported by departmental stalls as required to assist and support local communities to understand the aged care system. Larger sponsorships for state and national events focussing on older people/aged care system held by organisations who operate at that level. 	Organisations with strong community footprint, including local governments. Representative bodies holding conferences or similar.
Recruitment and retention	 Activities to alleviate workforce pressures including: advertising or other campaigns to recruit staff support for volunteers to attain appropriate accreditations, including subsidising costs (for those successful). 	Providers who have specialist skills oriented to recruitment (paid workers and volunteers).
Social engagement	 Activities that support the social capital of the in-home aged care system by: promoting volunteer management including funding for a role in the organisation to manage volunteers (i.e. a volunteer coordinator) training for volunteers and staff to engage with care recipients, conduct informal welfare checks and report issues 	Providers who use volunteers as part of their workforce, or intend to expand to use volunteers. Focus on local community footprint, including local government and local health districts.

Activity	Description	Eligible provider group
	subsidising the cost to volunteers such as fuel costs.	
Minor capital upgrades	Small grants to support upgrades to physical and ICT infrastructure, including: • kitchen/furniture upgrades • repairs to remove hazards • accessibility upgrades • upgrading ICT assets and systems.	Local community organisations delivering aged care services.
Disaster response	Support to providers who experience service delivery impacts as a result of natural disasters, the standing grant would include one-off funding for disaster response and recovery.	Providers who experience short term revenue loss and require capital repairs.
Peak body funding	To support national peak bodies to increase engagement and support their members as they transition to Support at Home. Quarterly engagement with the department to work through the issues members are raising with their peak body, through standardised engagement and escalation processes. Standing sponsorship to major events, including invites for departmental representative and/or ministers.	Organisations who provide national representation for: • older people, families and carers • providers • specific conditions • specific demographics.
Thin market support	Funding for Support at Home providers who operate in thin markets and require supplementary income (in addition to service delivery payments) to be commercially viable under Support at Home.	Providers who operate in thin markets.