

Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

# New Aged Care Act – Sector Change Plan

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## **About the Sector Change Plan**

#### Why this plan is important to deliver transformation

The new *Aged Care Act 2024* (the new Act) starts from 1 November 2025, together with a new regulatory model, strengthened Aged Care Quality Standards, Support at Home, and a new aged care funding model.

The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety made clear the need to improve aged care services and standards of care for older people in Australia. The current *Aged Care Act 1997* and its related legislation is structured around providers and how to fund them, rather than around the people accessing services and what they need. The new Act will underpin responses to around 60 Royal Commission recommendations and build on priority aged care reforms that have already been delivered. Most importantly, the new rights-based Act will put the rights of older people at the centre of the aged care system.

Working together with the sector – older people, their families and carers, providers, aged care workers, assessors, primary care, allied health, aged care navigators, peaks and advocates, software vendors and others – to get ready and implement these landmark changes will be critical. We have a vision to transform aged care to improve the quality of life for older people and ensure they are at the centre of all we do. This Sector Change Plan aligns with aged care's transformation vision. This vision is a cultural shift, that will take commitment and active involvement by the Department of Health and Aged Care and the sector to embed over time.

This Sector Change Plan outlines the communication, engagement, guidance and training activities that the department, the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (the Commission), and Services Australia will deliver to support older people and the sector to transition to the new Act.

This plan is subject to change, so that we can iterate and respond and ensure the activities meet stakeholders' needs. We will work closely with the sector on the design of activities and look forward to ongoing feedback as we roll out. We will monitor the implementation of the plan with the Aged Care Transition Taskforce and through the department's working groups and engagement channels.

#### Aged care's transformation vision

#### Older people are at the centre

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## Critical areas that will be covered

#### Context

The Sector Change Plan outlines the activities to support the sector to transition to the new Aged Care Act. It includes activities delivered by the department, the Commission and Services Australia to stakeholders.

The program of communication, engagement, guidance and training will explain the changes, detail actions stakeholders will need to take, and articulate how it will affect them.

A significant focus will be placed on key topics, however, other changes will also be supported.

Further supports for diverse audiences Specific communication, engagement, guidance and training that meet the needs of diverse audiences, including the culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD), LGBTQI+ and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are being planned.

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<b>Provider registration and regulatory reform</b> Sets out how the sector will operate in a 'universal' provider registratior including the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) and Nati Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care (NATSIFAC) Pro	onal	~	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$			~
Supported Decision-Making Older people can register one or more people to help decision-making, according to a new legal framework, principles and duties.	~	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
<b>Single assessment system</b> Continuing to make it easier for older people to access aged care and adapt to changing needs, though a consistent assessment experience.	~	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	
<b>Support at Home</b> Replace the Home Care Packages (HCP) program and Short-Term Restorative Care (STRC) Programme with the Support at Home program helping older people live independently at home for longer.		~	$\checkmark$	~	$\checkmark$	~	~
<b>Data and digital</b> Stakeholders are ready and able to use relevant digital systems update support the functions-of the new Act and associated changes.	d to 🗸	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	~
<b>Deeming and grandfathering</b> Existing supports and services transitioned into arrangements under th new Act.	e 🗸	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$				~
Supporting change for diverse audiences Supporting change through tailored communication and engagement across Australia, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, CALD a LGBTQI+ people.	and 🗸	~	$\checkmark$			$\checkmark$	~

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#### Lead agency

Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (ACQSC)

**Services Australia** 

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Older people, their families and carers	<ul> <li>Aware</li> <li>Orientation to changes:</li> <li>Summary of the Act and how it will work.</li> <li>Statement of Rights explainer, including Quality Standards and new regulations explaining person- centred care.</li> <li>Introduce Supported decision-making.</li> <li>First Nations Assessment Pathway coming in 2025</li> <li>Frequently asked questions on changes to co-contributions, no worse off principle, grandparenting and financial hardship for Support at Home program.</li> <li>Places to people, embedding choice in residential aged care.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Prepare</li> <li>Understand the changes that matter to me:</li> <li>Supported decision-making change activities and opt out period.</li> <li>Support at Home price advice on co-contributions, monthly statements and costs.</li> <li>Support at Home update webinar.</li> <li>Support at Home overview and contributions videos, updated and tailored communication materials.</li> <li>First Nations Assessment available in select regions, for pilot.</li> <li>Means testing webinar for aged care residents explained.</li> <li>Conversation cards for older people to support understanding of the role of the strengthened Quality Standards.</li> <li>Access the Resource hub.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understand the changes that matter to me:</li> <li>Supported decision-making information</li> <li>Whistle-blowing, complaints, new protections and enforcement process information.</li> <li>Support at Home fact sheets and fee estimator.</li> <li>Home Care Package Program participant letter (approved before 12 September 2024) confirming changes, explaining price increases and how to negotiate Service Agreement with provider, checklist and frequently asked questions</li> <li>Video explaining Quality Standards.</li> <li>First Nations engagement that will enable culturally safe care.</li> <li>Infographic outlining the main parts of the new Act and how they work together.</li> <li>Booklet on Exploring aged care.</li> <li>New Aged Care Act training module 1 on understanding the new Act.</li> <li>New Act start update open letter and FAQs.</li> <li>Frequently asked questions on the new Act start date.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Videos and animations explaining the new Act, Support at Home fees and funding, choice and control, rights and trusted workforce.</li> <li>Aged Care changes discussion guides, editorials and social content provided to community groups.</li> <li>Events for older people, their families and carers.</li> <li>Financial and Prudential standards fact sheet.</li> <li>Educative approach for older people on understanding the changes.</li> <li>Communications toolkit raising awareness of First nations Assessment Organisations.</li> <li>Support at Home booklets and fact sheets tailored and translated.</li> <li>Finalisation of Aged Care Rules.</li> <li>Guide to Aged Care Law.</li> <li>Supported decision-making case studies.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Transition support:</li> <li>Webinar on key aspects of the new Act.</li> <li>Events for older people, their families and carers.</li> <li>Support at Home webinar.</li> <li>Aged Care changes discussion guides, editorials and social content provided to community groups.</li> </ul>	Adapt Feedback and improvement: • Communication for start of Act and Support at Home program. • Aged Care changes discussion guides, editorials and social content provided to community groups. • Updates to My Aged Care website including updated fee estimator. • Readiness for the new Act. • Support and awareness of First Nations assessment organisation availability. • Residents' Experience Survey outcomes. • Contribution letter to HCP participants.

Specific communications will be customised for diverse audience groups e.g. CALD, First Nations, LGBTQI+ to enable culturally safe aged care.

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#### Sector Change Plan Timeline

At 26 June 2025. Activities are subject to change

#### Lead agency

Department of Health, Disability and Ageing Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (ACQSC)

Support at Home Provider				
<ul> <li>Key milestones</li> <li>Pricing registration - advice preview</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Aged Care Rules</li> </ul>	* <b>Note:</b> worker screening functions start in 2026	Aged Care Act begins
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<ul> <li>Aware Prepare</li> <li>Understanding key changes in aged care:</li> <li>Introduce Supported decision-making.</li> <li>Statement of Rights explainer including Quality Standards and new regulations explaining person-centred care.</li> <li>Updates on new Act changes on My Aged Care Services Officers training information.</li> <li>Online training for digital release (triage) for contact centre, ACSOs and navigators.</li> <li>First Nations Assessment Pathway coming in 2025.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Adjust, prepare and train:</li> <li>New Aged Care Act training modules and Support at Home training on algorithm, budgets, new functions and delegations for July 2025 release.</li> <li>Communication regarding availability of First Nations assessment organisations and how to refer a client.</li> <li>Understand what is new or changing.</li> <li>Registered support role case studies.</li> <li>Updates to My Aged Care Service and Support Portal user guide.</li> <li>Frequently asked questions on the new Act start date.</li> </ul>	Adjust, prepare and train: • Information sharing on new Act changes and Support at Home • Updates to My Aged Care Service and Support Portal user guide. • Guide to Aged Care Law. • Local Network engagements.	<ul> <li>Adjust, prepare and train:</li> <li>Access to the Supported decision-making policy library.</li> <li>My Aged Care training on new Aged Care Act and Support at Home Changes including updated guidance materials.</li> <li>Navigation video resource on My Aged Care.</li> <li>Local Network engagements.</li> <li>Updates to My Aged Care Service and Support Portal user guide.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Doing</li> <li>Ongoing support:</li> <li>Communication for start of Act and Support at Home program.</li> <li>Continued updates.</li> <li>Responsive support.</li> <li>Supported decision- making operational policy review of contact centre performance, process adherence and older person experience.</li> <li>Updated My Aged Care website launched.</li> <li>Support and awareness of how to refer to a First Nations assessment organisation, and where they are available.</li> </ul>