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Subject: s47C, s47E(d)

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Thanks for sharing, looks great.

FYI, I've flagged separately with GP that s47C s47E(d)

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Thanks^{s47F} and team. @SNOW, Jasmine focusing on the dot points for Greg first to support s47E(d), s47C – which he needs by 1pm - are you OK with the following? Then I will come back to the rest of the material.

- Following an aged care needs assessment, assessment delegates issue approvals for access to funded aged care services (under section 65 of the Act) and also decide on the classification levels for the services an older person may access (under section 78 of the Act). Classification level decisions must be made in accordance with criteria, methods or procedures prescribed by the rules.
- In practice, these decisions will be made by assessment delegates based on the information collected during the assessment and recorded in the Integrated Assessment Tool (IAT). For Support at Home classification levels, the Support at Home Classification Framework algorithm (algorithm) will use the information recorded in the IAT to recommend that an assessor assigns a person into a specific level of the Support at Home (SaH) classification framework.
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The IT system functionality includes the ability for assessors to override the algorithm

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Hi Rachel (and Jas),

Following yesterday's meeting we agreed to produce two products.

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2. Dot points for s47E(d), s47C

- The outcome of aged care needs assessments are based on the information collected during the assessment and recorded in the Integrated Assessment Tool (IAT). The Support at Home Classification Framework algorithm (algorithm) – which is a set of rules – will use the information recorded in the IAT to recommend that an assessor assigns a person into a specific level of the Support at Home (SaH) classification framework.

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Hi all,

Thanks for keeping this moving. s22

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Cheers,
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Hi s47E(c), s47F thank you - s47C
 . Welcome your advice about how best to achieve this!
 Rachel

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Thanks all – s47E(c), s47F is going to have a look s47E(d), s47C and will let us know any comments.

@MCDONALD, Terry this is s47E(d), ideally.

Kind regards,

s47E(c), s47F

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Hi all

I understand some people can't open the word doc that was attached to my email below. Here is the content pasted into email, in case it helps!

Support at Home Classification Framework - How the IAT Outcome should work

Key points

- Following an aged care needs assessment, assessment delegates will issue approvals for access to funded aged care services (under section 65 of the Act) and also decide on the classification levels for the services an older person may access (under section 78 of the Act). Classification level decisions must be made in accordance with criteria, methods or procedures prescribed by the rules (ss 78 and 81 of the Act).
- In practice, these decisions will be made by assessment delegates based on the information collected during the assessment and recorded in the Integrated Assessment Tool (IAT). For Support at Home classification levels, the Support at Home Classification Framework algorithm (algorithm) will use the information recorded in the IAT to recommend that an assessor assigns a person into a specific level of the Support at Home (SaH) classification framework.
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- We note, for completeness, that:
 - Classification decisions under s78(1) of the Act are reviewable decisions
 - Section 83 of the Act provides for the System Governor to change a classification decision

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Automated decision-making under section 582

- We note that section 582 provides for the System Governor to authorise, in writing, for the use of computer programs to take relevant administrative action including making a classification level decision under subsection 78(1).

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Hi all

Thanks so much for the discussion on Monday about the s47C, s47E(d)

We'd be grateful for your urgent consideration of these and advice on next steps.

Thank you – happy to convene a meeting to discuss (perhaps tomorrow?) if that would be helpful.

Rachel

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Thanks, that's helpful

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Not the answer, but more background. Will keep looking.

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I'll set something up for us that week.

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Sounds good s47E(c), s47C

But happy to meet

Thanks
 Nick

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On 7 March 2024 at 12:57:37 pm AEDT, s47E(c), s47F @Health.gov.au wrote:

Hi Nick and s47E(c), s47F

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Cheers

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Hi s47E(c), s47F

The attached slide presents an overview of how the classification algorithm works in terms of its decision tree for assigning classes, which represent higher levels of funding for those assessed with higher care needs relative to the needs of other individuals. The slide also provides indication of the research method used to develop the algorithm framework.

The language below reflect the key points of this overview:

The assessment and resource allocation framework for the Support at Home (SaH) program is designed to consistently and fairly assess older peoples' care needs and assign them a funding class that meets their needs.

The framework includes a set of classes that specify the level of funding each participant in the class will receive, and an algorithm that objectively assigns each participant to a class based on their clinical characteristics recorded on the Integrated Assessment Tool (IAT).

The framework was developed through analysis of 22,000 participant assessments that were collected in the live trial of the IAT in April-August 2023. s47C, s47E(d)

Happy to discuss as to how this language might reduce to the required brevity of the Act.

Kind regards,

s47E(c), s47F

Support at Home Analytics

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Hi

I've attached the ED for full reference, but section 58 is the below.

The scientific population study for AN-ACC is this one [Resource Utilisation and Classification Study \(RUCS\) Reports | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#)

I'm not sure which compounding factors are not significant. The current compounding factors for AN-ACC are in the [Classification Principles 2014](#) at sections 31 and 32 and these will be brought into the new Act

Service groups are how we split up all the funding models. Most of the aged care programs are one for one (so permanent residential care becomes the permanent residential care service group), but Support at Home is quite complicated in its numerous funding models so it gets four.

- Ongoing Home Support
- Short-Term Home Support
- Assistive Technology
- Home Modifications

58 Classification assessment reports

(1) If a classification assessment is carried out for an individual in accordance with paragraph 57(1)(a) or subparagraph 57(1)(c)(i), the approved needs assessor must provide a report of the classification assessment to the System Governor as soon as practicable after the assessment is completed.

(2) The report must include the results for the individual against each relevant assessment item set out in the assessment tool referred to in paragraph 57(1)(a) or subparagraph 57(1)(c)(i).

Note: The report of the classification assessment may be included in an aged care needs assessment report for the individual under section 45 if the classification assessment is for a service group other than the permanent residential care service group.

(3) Despite subsection (1), a report of a classification assessment for an individual for a service group is not required to be provided to the System Governor if there is only one classification level prescribed for the service group by rules made for the purposes of subsection 62(1).

Let me know if you have any more questions

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Hi s47E(c), s47F

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Once we get a read on all this, we can suggest appropriate text to replace the resi language.

Thanks,

s47E(c), s47F

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Morning!

Do you have a write up of how the decisions for prioritisation and classification for Support at Home will work?

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I expect we will need something like subsection 62(4) of the ED for prioritisation and classification for Support at Home, where we say what we've based our computer algorithm on in broad terms.

62 Classification levels and procedures

- (1) The rules may prescribe classification levels for each service group.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), the rules may:
 - (a) set out different classification levels for different service groups; and
 - (b) set out criteria for each classification level that are to be used in deciding an individual's classification level for a service group.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4), the rules may specify methods or procedures that the System Governor must follow in deciding an individual's classification level for a service group.

(4) If the service group is the permanent residential care service group, rules made for the purposes of subsection (1) must:

(a) set out compounding factors (based on results against relevant assessment items mentioned in subsection 58(2)) that will be used to establish an individual's classification level; and

(b) prescribe the scientific population study that will be used by the System Governor to derive a method for establishing when these compounding factors, taken together, are significant because they indicate the individual has significantly higher care needs relative to the needs of other individuals.

Your speedy response would be much appreciated. Happy to discuss

Cheers

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Thanks Greg, looks good. s47C
 Team, happy for you edit / correct as necessary.
 I'll be chatting to Sonja in the next hour, s47C, s47E(d)

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Amy – resending with s47E(d) so that it is clearer that this would most likely fall in the s47E(d)

Let me know if further changes needed.
 Thanks
 Greg

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Thanks all
 A few additional minor edits to the Min Sub. s22

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Thanks all!

@LAFFAN, Amy – updated pack for your visibility in preparation for providing to Sonja for review and for sharing with the MO as an early draft for their visibility/comment.

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Cheers,

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Thanks all. Agree with Susan, good work all around.

One change suggested in markup in the min sub attached. s47C [REDACTED]

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included s47E(d), s47C [REDACTED] we are going to
need to brief quickly and separately on.

Thanks

Greg

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Hi [REDACTED] s47E(c), s47F

Thanks. s22 [REDACTED]

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Hi Susan and Greg,

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, I'm seeking your review of the draft pack as it currently stands so we address any issues you have. Our intention is to then put to Sonja and progress to the MO for their early visibility and feedback.

To keep things progressing, provided **for your review** are the current draft:1. **Ministerial Submission** – MS25-001236 (attached)

- **NOTE:** Attachment C is currently with Comms to review.

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Thank you for taking the time to look over these. Please just let me know if you have any issues or questions.

Cheers,

Terry McDonald

A/g Assistant Secretary, Legislative Reform Branch

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Ministerial Submission – Standard
MS25-001236
Version (1)
Date sent to MO: 28 October 2025

To: Minister Rae

cc: Minister Butler

Subject: s47C

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Recommendations:

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Thanks Erika, s47E(c), s47F for your comments. I've responded and made some edits – Greg is reviewing now. We'll keep you fully in the loop as this progresses and also reach out to work through s47C.

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Thanks Rachel. I popped in a few comments but looks fine otherwise. s47C [redacted]

Regards,
Erika

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Hi all (for comment by 4pm if possible)

Thanks for your ongoing engagement in working through s47C the disconnect between the Rules, system & public statements regarding override of the SAH algorithm recommendation. I am seeking your comments ASAP on the linked briefing, which we are aiming to put to Greg ASAP. The aim is to foreshadow the issue with the MO and highlight the likely criticism of the current position. s47C, s47E(d)

 [MB25-MIB to Minister Rae re override week beginning 27 Oct 2025.docx](#)

Katie/ s47C

Coping in our LRB colleagues for visibility – if any of you have capacity to comment I welcome this, but noting how busy you are I am not explicitly asking for your comments! s47E(d), s47C

Thank you, and very happy to convene a discussion this afternoon if that would help in working through any issues.

Rachel

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