



Aged Care – Commonwealth Disability Support for Older Australians

The Australian Government will continue to support vulnerable older Australians who cannot access the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

The Disability Support for Older Australians (DSOA) Program will replace the Commonwealth Continuity of Support (CoS) Programme on 1 July 2021.

The Government is committed to supporting vulnerable older people with disability aged 65 years and over (50 years and over for Indigenous people) who are not eligible for the NDIS.

The DSOA will deliver specialist services to these older Australians.

This funding will be more in line with the NDIS, and provide a more client-centred program. It will help to meet growing demand, from providers and consumers, for funding higher needs.

Why is this important?

Approximately 3,600 Australians currently use the CoS Programme. It is vital that they receive support that is comparable to people on the NDIS.

A focus on their needs means the DSOA will provide more transparency, control, more equitable pricing and continuing access to support that is in line with their needs.

Who will benefit?

Close to 3,600 existing CoS clients will benefit from the more client-centred DSOA program.

How much will this cost?

This will cost \$125.3 million from 2020–21 to 2023–24.