



Aged Care – funding for dementia care and support

The Australian Government will support carers of people experiencing behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia through increased psycho-social support services across the health and aged care sectors.

People living with dementia have specific care needs, and their loved ones are right to expect that the care they receive is the highest quality.

The Budget provides further investment to deliver and meet demand for face-to-face, video and telephone dementia support services across aged care.

This funding of \$11.3 million builds on the \$10 million 2019–20 investment in additional support and training services for the aged care sector and informal carers of people experiencing behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia.

Why is this important?

The Government is committed to ensuring aged care residents with dementia receive quality and appropriate care.

This commitment will also help reduce the inappropriate use of chemical restraints and enhance safer, effective non-pharmacological interventions for dementia care.

Who will benefit?

Australians living in aged care facilities, Australians experiencing moderate to severe behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia and their carers, aged care providers and their staff and health care professionals will all benefit from this measure.

How much will this cost?

This will cost \$11.3 million in 2020–21.