



Aged Care – home care reform

Senior Australians will be supported to live at home, as improvements to aged care systems will make assistance much easier to access.

Single in-home care program

The Government has listened to older Australians – they want a simple, easy to navigate system that meets their needs. To deliver this it is vital to have a model that can match the changing needs of individuals to the support they require. This Budget makes navigating the aged care system easier for older Australians and their families. It builds on preliminary work to identify and evaluate options to assess, classify and fund the varied needs of older Australians and their carers, with one, simple, unified system.

This measure funds further research and consultation with the sector, consumer representatives and peak bodies to ensure the best solution is delivered for older Australians.

Improved Payment Administration arrangements in home care

In addition, improved payment arrangements means, from February 2021, providers of home care will be paid once aged care services are delivered, rather than in advance.

Why is this important?

We know that many older Australians want to remain in their homes and in the communities they have built their lives around for as long as possible – and the Government is committed to supporting this.

It will make the aged care system easier for senior Australians and their families to navigate and ensure quality support services are delivered.

Making these important adjustments to aged care services will ensure senior Australians can access the care they need, when they need it.

This work will pave the way for a fast and effective response to the Royal Commission's Final Report next year.

Who will benefit?

These measures will benefit senior Australians who will connect more quickly and easily with home care so they can stay in their communities for longer in the comfort of their homes.

How much will this cost?

This will cost \$25.5 million from 2020–21 until 2023–24.