

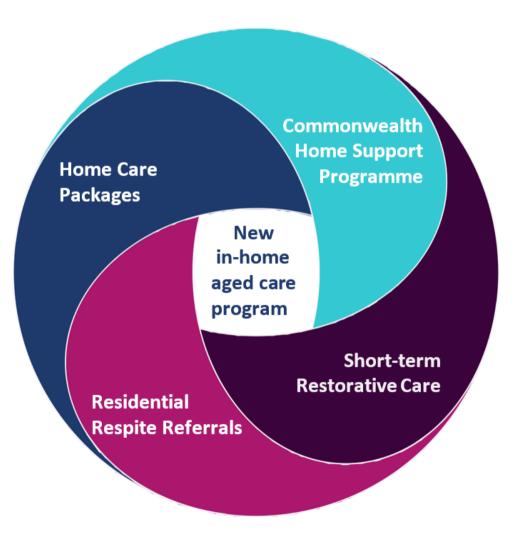
A New Program for In-home Aged Care Discussion Paper – Industry Q&A Session

Wednesday 2 November 2022 2:00pm – 3:00pm AEDT

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Update on reforming in-home aged care

- A new program will commence 1 July 2024 combing existing in-home aged care programs
- Objectives
 - improve access to services
 - better align services to needs
 - reduce administrative costs
 - better support independence
 - make aged care simpler
 - facilitate innovation and investment

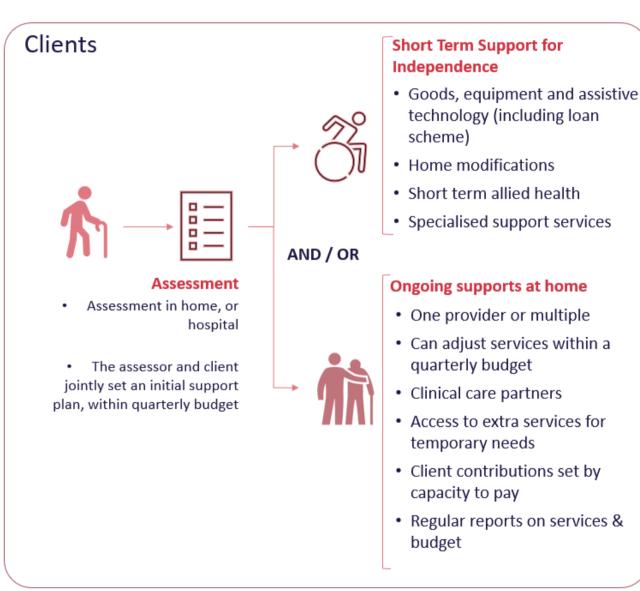


Discussion paper

- Released on 18 October 2022
- Outlines proposed reforms to the in-home aged care system that
 - Incorporate what we have heard with a focus on five key areas
 - Seeks submissions from the community by 25 November 2022

Information on the discussion paper and submissions process are on the Aged Care Engagement Hub

Overview of Proposed Model



Providers

Short term support for Independence

- Goods, Equipment & Assistive Technology and Home Modifications Scheme
 - o Separate funding
 - o Loan scheme
 - o National procurements
- Grants for specialised support services
- Allied health and restorative care

Mixed funding model for ongoing support

- Activity based funding
- Supplementary grants as for:
 - Transport, cottage & centre-based respite, meals, social support group
 - Providers who operate in thin or niche markets
- Funding pool for additional client services (set at 25% of client budgets each quarter)
- Client contributions by capacity to pay
- Monthly or more frequent payments with automatic data capture

Five key areas of focus – seeking views in submissions

- **1. Self-management of services**
- 2. Care management
- 3. Funding model
- 4. Flexibly for changing needs
- 5. Innovation

Provider preparation to transition to new program

- Activity based payments Could your business operate if paid on services delivered at current CHSP prices?
- Service data Do you hold data on the services you have delivered, by service type by client? Could that be regularly uploaded for invoicing?
- Thin markets Do you feel you service a thin market how would you justify that in a grant round?
- **Care management** What happens when a care worker identifies an issue with one of your clients? Could you share that information with a care partner not in your organisation?
- Regulation If there is a streamlined registration process for the new program, would things like police checks all be up to date?
- **Expansion** Is there demand for your services that you turn away today? Have you considered opportunities to expand to deliver additional services?

Process from here

18 Oct	Discussion paper released – open for submissions for six weeks to 25 November
26 – 31 Oct (Complete)	Initial sessions with Provider peaks, Older Australians, Consumer peaks
2 Nov – 22 Nov	Weekly open Older Australian and Industry online Q&A sessions
	Three one day workshops consulting on Indigenous delivery options
7 Dec	Webinar outlining feedback on discussion paper
Current – 24 Feb	Targeted consultations on specific elements based on submission feedback
	Client groups - eg CALD, Carers, Dementia, Indigenous, Provider groups – eg by service type
March	Government consideration of final program design

Thank you

- You can have your say through our online submission process or by calling 1800 318 209
- Submissions will be open until 25 November 2022
- For more information, please contact the Department of Health and Aged Care
- Email: <u>SAH.implementation@health.gov.au</u>
- Go to the Ageing and Aged Care Engagement Hub: <u>www.agedcareengagement.health.gov.au</u>