



More Choices for a Longer Life – home care compliance – risk based monitoring and assessment

The Government will increase funding for aged care by \$7 billion over five years. The Government will strengthen protections to make sure aged care services are being delivered safely to senior Australians in their homes. It will introduce a new home care compliance framework that lays the groundwork for risk based assessment of home care providers and increases audits of the quality of care being delivered. The framework will mean the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission can quickly identify risks and respond to protect senior Australians.

Why is this important?

The Government is committed to delivering on senior Australians' preference to stay living at home longer and is responding by making more home care packages available. The safety and quality of home care services is paramount – this is the basis for the first phase of the new home care compliance framework.

The new Commission will be able to better identify risks in home care and act earlier to intervene and protect. Senior Australians, their families and carers will feel safe and confident knowing they are receiving the highest quality care.

This initiative also provides for additional audits in home care.

This work means that home care compliance will now align with the strengthened monitoring and assessment process in residential aged care. This will ensure safe and high quality care no matter where care is being received.

Who will benefit?

More than 116,000 senior Australians receiving a home care package will benefit from enhanced quality and safety. This will reassure families and carers that their loved ones are receiving the high quality care they need and deserve.

How much will this cost?

This will cost \$5.6 million in 2019–20.