



## More Choices for a Longer Life – mandatory national quality indicators

The Government will increase funding for aged care by \$7 billion over five years. The Government will help ensure senior Australians in residential aged care facilities are receiving high quality clinical care by requiring regular public reporting by providers across the nation. The Government will mandate the collection and online publication by providers of a defined set of aged care clinical quality indicators. Indicators will initially cover areas such as pressure sores, physical restraint and weight loss, as well as falls and fractures, and medication management.

### Why is this important?

Older Australians deserve the best quality aged care services and the Government is committed to supporting enhanced monitoring of quality and safety in aged care by requiring aged care providers to provide quarterly data on critical care areas.

Counting clinical quality indicators four times a year will mean better reporting of providers' performance and a focus on improved clinical outcomes for senior Australians in residential care.

This publicly available information will also help consumers to make more informed decisions about their aged care options.

Over time, the clinical quality indicators will help develop national benchmarks in the specified areas of care. They will enable providers to measure and monitor their performance and support continuous quality improvement. Initial quality indicators could be expanded to cover falls and fractures, and medication management.

### Who will benefit?

The more than 230,000 senior Australians who are recipients of residential aged care services, and their families, will benefit from improved public reporting and transparency of clinical quality indicators.

### How much will this cost?

This will cost \$4.2 million from 2018–19 to 2022–23.