



More Choices for a Longer Life – residential care – interim increase to general subsidy

The Government will increase funding for aged care by \$7 billion over five years. The Government will provide a one-off, across the board increase to the general residential aged care subsidy between March 2019 and June 2019. This is an up-front payment to support all residential care providers in the care of their residents over the next 18 months, while the Government considers longer term funding reform options and the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety progresses. It will be paid as a 9.5 per cent increase in the subsidy for residents in mainstream residential aged care until 30 June 2019.

This boost provides additional support to the sector to deliver on its quality care obligations.

Why is this important?

Senior Australians deserve the best quality aged care services and the Government is committed to fair and sustainable funding for residential aged care providers to help them meet their quality care obligations.

Who will benefit?

Senior Australians in residential aged care will benefit from increased support for aged care providers.

How much will this cost?

This will cost \$320 million in 2018–19.