



Single Assessment System for seniors

Seniors aged 65 and over who are regularly seeking aged care services will need to be assessed to receive funding for government-funded aged care services. Currently, there are different assessment pathways. As a result, assessments are not consistent and older people are often moved between assessment organisations as their needs change.

The importance of aged care assessment reform

A single assessment system will simplify and improve the experience of seniors by providing a flexible system that can quickly adapt to their care needs.

The new system will provide a single assessment pathway that can quickly adapt to changing needs without the need to change your assessment provider.

The Single Assessment System will replace the:

- Regional Assessment Service (RAS) used for the Commonwealth Home Support Programme.
- Aged Care Assessment Teams (ACATs) – used for:
 - the Home Care Packages Program.
 - the Short-Term Restorative Care Programme.
 - the Transition Care Programme.
 - residential respite.
 - entry to residential aged care.
- independent Australian National Aged Care Classification (AN-ACC) assessors, used for
- residential aged care funding.

States and territory governments will continue to have a role in delivering aged care assessments as part of a broader Single Assessment Workforce in the new system.

When will the new system be launched?

The single assessment system will be launched from 1 July 2024 along with the implementation of the new Integrated Assessment Tool (IAT). The single assessment system will support approximately 500,000 seniors seeking aged care services each year.



2025

New Support at Home program to be implemented

What will be the impact on clients
currently covered by the Home
Care Package?

From 1 July 2025, Support at Home will replace the existing:

- Home Care Package Programme
- Short-Term Restorative Care Programme

From no earlier than 1 July 2027, the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) will transition to the new program.

Under the new Support at Home program, there will be improved access to services, equipment and home modifications to help older people to remain healthy, active and socially connected to their community. The program will bring together some of the current in-home care programs, ensuring a simpler and fairer system for older people.

What ACG clients need to pay attention to?

Support at Home will have an impact on the current 280,000 (approximate) home care package recipients. Although the plan will only be implemented in 2025, the current home care package plan, which allocates different levels of subsidies according to the care needs of the elderly, has not been affected. However, clients need to pay attention this financial year in knowing that the Home Care Package funding is the property of the federal government. This means that the government can change policies and the amount of funding at any time.

Client funding may be affected?

What criteria does the new family support plan use to determine the amount of subsidy for clients? In understanding the client's health and living conditions, the services (not auxiliary tools) currently used by the client, the use and time of the subsidy may be used as a reference indicator for the government.

Unspent Fund \$\$\$

If ACG clients still have a lot of unspent funding, or have not used care services, they need to pay attention. The government may make adjustments based on how your current funding is being used. In other words, you should arrange more care services and care time with your care manager as soon as possible before the new plan comes to avoid a reduction with future funding.



REVIEW OF OUR SOCIAL SUPPORT OUTREACH DAY IN JUNE

Fortunately, we were blessed with fine weather and with the cooperation of AUSCC and Shine & Salt, they led ACG elders to experience a "sweet journey" on a warm and windy winter day. The elderly had the opportunity to visit the chocolate factory in the Yarra Valley and learn about the chocolate making process. The senior participants tasted the well known chocolate and ice cream there, and bought some souvenirs to take home. The whole trip was enjoyable and the senior participants made many new friends during the trip. Everyone is looking forward to seeing each other again on our next trip.



RESPIRE DAY CARE CENTRE - HAPPY GROUP



The second season of the Happy Friday Group from April to June 2024 has ended. Through this social support activity, the senior participants not only received physical and social support, but most importantly, gained friendships. Through group activities, the elderly supported and shared conversation with each other. This interaction reduced the senior participants feelings of isolation.



365Wellbeing
Allied Health

**New financial year is the time
to schedule your professional therapy
services as soon as possible!!!**

Allied therapy services form a very important part of the home care package plan. The federal government encourages seniors to use funding from the Home Care Package program to obtain these care services. Specialty therapists such as physio, occupational and speech therapists can develop treatments for seniors and delay functional decline. They can also provide treatments to relieve pain symptoms for the seniors. And make suggestions on purchasing auxiliary tools.

Arrange your services for the new financial year now . 365wellbeing Allied Health services includes

- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Podiatry
- Dietitian

**Please speak to your Care Manager before
booking an appointment**

2024 ACG Client Handbook

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ACG WISH ALL OF YOU WHO WERE
BORN IN JUNE 2024 A VERY

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**



**Deadline for
submission of invoices**

**08/07
& 22/07/2024
Before 12 PM**

Please send all your
invoices to the "Claims
Processing Team" for
reimbursement submission

**Income Tested
Care Fees
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If clients need to pay income tested care fees, they must pay them in full as required on the bill and before the payment due date.

**ITC Fee Payment Deadline
is on 30 June 2024**

Failure to do so will create outstanding debts. If you have questions about this fee, please contact your Care Manager as soon as possible.