

## Home Care Packages

# What **YOU** can expect



### Government-funded care for independent living.

Home Care Packages (HCP) provide government-subsidised care to help individuals live independently at home. My Guardian offers comprehensive support to ensure you receive the services that suit your needs, whether you require basic assistance or more intensive care.

### Home Care Package Levels

**Level 1:** Basic care needs – up to \$9,000 per year. Ideal for help with personal care, domestic assistance, and transport.

**Level 2:** Low-level care needs – up to \$15,750 per year. Includes more frequent support such as personal care, nursing, and social support.

**Level 3:** Intermediate care needs – up to \$34,250 per year. Suitable for those needing more intensive care, including mobility aids and therapy.

**Level 4:** High-level care needs – up to \$52,000 per year. Designed for those requiring full-time support, complex nursing, and around-the-clock care.

### Home Care Packages Services

- ✔ **Personal Care:** Assistance with daily activities like bathing, dressing, and grooming.
- ✔ **Nursing Care:** Medication management, wound care, and health monitoring.
- ✔ **Meal Preparation:** Nutritious meals prepared according to your dietary needs.
- ✔ **Household Assistance:** Help with cleaning, laundry, and home maintenance.
- ✔ **Transport & Errands:** Transportation to medical appointments and errands.
- ✔ **Social Support:** Companionship and activities to keep you engaged with your community.

### Assessment Process

You will need to contact My Aged Care to arrange an assessment of your care needs. Once approved, you will receive a package level (from 1 to 4) based on your requirements.

### Why choose My Guardian?

Our goal is to help you live your life to the fullest, with a range of flexible services designed around your needs. We believe in delivering quality, compassionate care that makes a real difference in your everyday life.

## Applying for a Home Care Package

# 5 step checklist

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### To apply for a Home Care Package, you must:

- Be 65 years or older, or 50 years or older for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people.
- Require support to continue living independently at home.
- Be an Australian citizen or a permanent resident.

If the individual meets these criteria, follow the steps below to begin the application process.

## 1

### Build your profile on My Aged Care

- Visit the My Aged Care website at [www.myagedcare.gov.au](http://www.myagedcare.gov.au) or call **1800 200 422**.
- Register for a My Aged Care account by providing personal details such as name, date of birth, Medicare number, and relevant medical history.
- If needed, you can request a translator or interpreter service to assist with communication.
- You may be asked to provide information about your health, circumstances and needs over the phone.

## 2

### Contact My Aged Care for an assessment

- After your profile is set up, request an assessment for a Home Care Package (HCP) by a representative from My Aged Care. This can be arranged online or by phone.
- During the in-home or phone assessment, the representative will evaluate:
  - Daily living needs, such as mobility, personal care, and household tasks.
  - Health conditions and medical history to determine the level of care required.
  - Current living arrangements and available support from family or carers.

## 3

### Receive your assessment outcome

- After the assessment, you will receive a letter outlining:
  - The approved Home Care Package level, ranging from Level 1 (basic care) to Level 4 (higher care).
  - Services that may be suitable for your situation.
- The individual will be placed on a national waiting list for their approved care package.

## 4

### Wait for your Home Care Package to be assigned

- While waiting for the package, entry-level support services may be available if immediate assistance is required.

## 5

### Choose a Home Care provider

- Use the My Aged Care Service Finder to search for Home Care Providers in your area.
- Compare providers and choose one that best suits your care needs and preferences. You can contact providers directly or seek further assistance to make this choice.

# How to talk to your doctor about **Aged Care**

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## Files to take to your appointment:

### **1 Comprehensive medical history:**

Collect a thorough record of your health history. This should include details of any chronic illnesses, ongoing conditions, allergies, and surgeries. Ensure your list of current medications is complete, noting any over-the-counter supplements, as well as dosages, frequencies, and prescribing doctor details. It's also useful to include any recent diagnostic test results, such as blood tests, imaging reports, or specialist consultations, as these provide a fuller picture of your health.

### **2 Identification documents:**

Bring multiple forms of identification. Your NHS card is essential, but it's also helpful to have a photo ID, such as your passport or driving license. Make copies of these documents in case they are needed for any part of your application process. If you have a health care power of attorney or advance directive, include these documents to ensure that your healthcare preferences are known.

### **3 Assessment of care needs:**

Take time before your appointment to evaluate the daily activities you may need help with, such as personal care (bathing, dressing), meal preparation, medication management, and mobility assistance. Write down specific tasks that are difficult for you, and note any recent changes in your ability to manage them independently. This information will help your doctor understand your needs in detail, which is crucial for accessing the right services

### **4 Financial information:**

For means-tested services, you will need to bring documentation of your income, assets, and benefits. Gather copies of your pension statements, bank statements, utility bills, and any other financial documents that demonstrate your financial situation. If you're unsure which documents are required, contact your local authority or care provider in advance.

### **5 Emergency and support contact details:**

Prepare a list of emergency contacts, including family members, carers, and next of kin, along with their relationship to you and their best contact numbers. If someone else is involved in your care planning, such as a social worker or legal representative, include their contact details as well. This will allow your doctor to reach out to these individuals if further information is needed or if there's a need to coordinate your care.