



## Ageing Well

# I ALREADY HAVE A HOME CARE PACKAGE. WHAT IS CHANGING?

Support at Home is a new program that supports older people living in their own homes for longer. Deaf Connect delivers these support services directly in Auslan for Deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing seniors.

Support at Home will replace Home Care Packages from 1 November 2025. A new Aged Care Act will also come into effect on 1 November 2025.

## What's changing?

### The big changes:

- How much you pay could change. How much you pay will vary based on what the service is, and your financial situation.
- Funding will be divided up into three-month blocks across the year.
- There will be new, separate funding available for Assistive Technology and Home Modifications, and Restorative Care.

### **If you had a Home Care Package before 12 September 2024:**

- You do not need to be reassessed for funding.
- Your current plan will change to Support at Home on 1 November 2025. When you change over to Support at Home your budget will match your existing Home Care Package budget.
- If you have unspent funds in your Home Care Package budget, this will carry over to Support at Home.
- When you change over to Support at Home, your funding will be split up into three-month blocks.
- You may need to be assessed so you can access funds for Assistive Technology.



### **If you were approved for a Home Care Package after 12 September 2024:**

- Your assessment plan will change to Support at Home on 1 November 2025.
- Your budget will be set under Support at Home rules.
- Your service contributions amount will depend on your financial status.

### **Why are Aged Care Support programs changing?**

- The Royal Commission said aged care needs to give older people more choice, have clear rules for services, and make safety and quality stronger.
- To increase funding available to older people.
- To reduce wait times between when you are approved for Support at Home and when you can access your funding.
- To provide more support and funding for Assistive Technology and Home Modifications.