

Support at Home

Commonwealth Program



SUPPORT AT HOME PROGRAM

- HOW:** individual SaH pathways
- WHERE:** Australia-wide
- WHY:** aims to create equitable access for more participants
- NB:** NH SaH is not a for-profit provider

- WHO:** for Australians 65+ who live at home, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 50+
- WHEN:** since 1 Nov 2025 through Commonwealth Aged Care Act 2024, replacing Home Care Package (HCP)
- WHAT:** a range of funded care pathways to support older people living at home, replacing block HCP funding



CARE PATHWAYS*

*details subject to change

PATHWAY	ONGOING CARE PATHWAYS			SHORT-TERM PATHWAYS		
	Clinical Care	Independe nce Services	Everyday Living Services	Restorative Care	End-of-Life	AT-HM Scheme
INCLUSIONS (see detailed MAC Services list for eligibility)	Nursing, Care mgmt, Nursing and other Allied Health	Personal care^, Mobility assistance ^ Personal care to be re-classified to Clinical Care Category effective Oct 2026	Meals, Home maint. & repairs Domestic assistance (cleaning, shopping, Gardening)	0-16 wks care, alongside other SaH services - Does not need to be SaH Participant but still needs ACA - Co-exists with PAC - Does not co-exist with TCP or CTS	'In-home aged care services' for anticipated last 3 mths of life - Assessed by Dr or RN including Karnofsky Performance Scale <40 - Requires SaH discharge - High priority access even if not a current SaH Participant - AT typically by hire - Includes nursing, pain management, respite - Still able to access other State and pall. care services	- Separate budget for all assistive technology & home modifications - Can be used in conjunction with Ongoing Care, Restorative Care, and End-of-Life Pathways - Tiers (High, Medium, Low Tier) according to assessment - need Aged Care Assessment to access Scheme - New application required annually & for each new AT-HM event (funding does not accumulate) - AT-HM only available from a MAC-defined list
BUDGETS*	Based on SaH Classificat'n Level 1-8	Based on SaH Classificat'n Level 1-8	Based on SaH Classificat'n Level 1-8	Up to \$6000 per episode (for 2 episodes p.a.)	Up to \$25,000K over 12-16 wks	- HM lifetime cap of \$15,000 - AT funding up to \$15,000 p.a. renewable (does not accumulate)
FEES# (means-tested or as per HCP grandfathering rules)	NO No fees paid by Participant	YES* 5-50% of fee paid by Participant (means-tested fees)	YES* 17.5- 80% of fee paid by Participant (means-tested fees)	YES* Fees reflect 'Ongoing Care Pathways' categories (see green columns)		YES* 5-50% of fee paid by Participant (means-tested fees)

Subject to change: information correct at 20 April 2026
* Or grandfathered as per previous HCP contribution level

KEY CHANGES: SaH & HCP

- SaH Classification Levels 1-8 replace HCP Levels 1-4
- participant lifetime co-contribution cap of ~ \$135,000
- prior HCP package holders are "grandfathered" until all previous funds spent
- payments are now quarterly rather than monthly
- SaH "Participant" replaces HCP "Client"
- SaH "Clinical Care Partner" (CCPs) replaces HCP "Care Manager"
- CHSP will be incorporated sometime after 01 July 2027



MORE: For more information, go to www.health.gov.au and search 'Support at Home Program Manual' for providers and 'FAQs'