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Senator Linda Reynolds asked:

'Young people in aged care would not be required to pay for fees that relate to their care and support in the aged care facility.' Does that mean they transfer off pensions to the disability support pension plus additional support? How does this actually work? Once they are enrolled and have a plan, how does a payment for the aged care accommodation work?

Answer:

For young people in aged care currently on a Social Security pension, becoming a participant and receiving funding under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) does not impact their pension.

Upon entering the NDIS, the same payments to the aged care provider apply for accommodation costs as applied prior to a participant entering the NDIS. For instance, if a young person in the aged care system receiving a Disability Support Pension (DSP) becomes an NDIS participant, there is no change to the 85 per cent of their pension that goes towards the cost of their accommodation.