

# **PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Department of Health and Aged Care**

**Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

**Inquiry into the Aged Care Bill 2024 (Provisions)**

**03 October 2024**

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**Funding changes to those currently in residential aged care**

**Written**

**Senator:** Marielle Smith

**Question:**

Will these changes proposed for residential aged care funding apply to people currently in residential aged care

**Answer:**

No. The 'no worse off' principle applies to protect people already in residential aged care. The changes to residential aged care will only apply to individuals that enter residential aged care on or after 1 July 2025.

In addition, any person who was receiving a Home Care Package, was on the National Priority System, or had been assessed as eligible for a package on 12 September 2024 will have their fees based on existing contribution arrangements when they enter residential aged care unless they choose to move onto the new arrangements.

Anyone entering residential aged care on or after 1 July 2025 will be subject to the new Refundable Accommodation Deposit retention and Daily Accommodation Payment indexation arrangements regardless of whether they were receiving a Home Care Package, were on the National Priority System, or had been assessed as eligible for a package on 12 September 2024.