

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)

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Co-contributions and existing home care package recipients

Written

Senator: Marielle Smith

Question:

How will individual co-contributions work for existing home care package recipients

Answer:

A no worse off principle will provide certainty to people who, on 12 September 2024, were receiving a Home Care Package, on the National Priority System, or assessed as eligible for a package.

Everyone who, as of 12 September 2024, was receiving a Home Care Package, on the National Priority System, or assessed as eligible for a package, will make the same contributions, or lower, as they would have under Home Care arrangements.

For the 86% of HCP participants who did not pay an income-tested care fee, they will continue to make no contributions to their home care costs.

For the 14% of HCP participants who, based on their means assessment, either did or should have paid an income-tested care fee, they will transition to contributions based on the services they receive. The percentage contributions will be set at levels that ensure these individuals pay the same level of fees, or lower, under Support at Home compared to Home Care Packages.