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Outcome Number: 3.3 Home Care

Question No: SQ15-000139

Topic: Home care packages

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Senator Polley, Helen asked:

Outline what a level one package might look like, how much the Commonwealth contributes and the cost for a full pensioner and someone who does not meet the means test.

Outline what a level two package might look like, how much the Commonwealth contributes and the cost for a full pensioner and someone who does not meet the means test.

Outline what a level three package might look like, how much the Commonwealth contributes and the cost for a full pensioner and someone who does not meet the means test.

Outline what a level four package might look like, how much the Commonwealth contributes and the cost for a full pensioner and someone who does not meet the means test.

Answer:

The Home Care Packages Programme provides a coordinated package of services tailored to meet a person's specific care needs. These services may include cleaning, aids and equipment, preparing meals, gardening, assistance with showering, and transport. The types of care and services provided under a Home Care Package will depend on the person's needs and goals and their assessed care needs.

The main difference between the home care levels is the amount of care and services that can be provided to the consumer, rather than the type of care at each package level. More care and services can be provided under Home Care Level 4, compared to the other home care levels, reflecting the higher subsidy amount that is paid for a Level 4 package.

There are four different levels of Home Care Packages (HCP) available:

- Level 1 package – to support people with basic care needs

Maximum package value is \$11,356.80 per annum which consists of Government subsidy of up to \$7,800.52 and a basic daily fee payable by the consumer of \$3,556.28 per annum.

- Level 2 package – to support people with low level care needs

Maximum package value is \$17,748.64 per annum which consists of Government subsidy of up to \$14,192.36 and a basic daily fee payable by the consumer of \$3,556.28 per annum.

- Level 3 package – to support people with intermediate care needs

Maximum package value is \$34,762.00 per annum which consists of Government subsidy of up to \$31,205.72 and a basic daily fee payable by the consumer of \$3,556.28 per annum.

- Level 4 package – to support people with high care needs

Maximum package value is \$50,992.76 per annum which consists of Government subsidy of up to \$47,436.48 and a basic daily fee payable by the consumer of \$3,556.28 per annum.