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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

Are the states invoiced for full cost recovery including the NH bed fee, customised equipment, rehabilitation services, community access requirements, higher staffing levels need to manage a younger person's needs?

What is the total cost to the states of the cross invoice for this group?

Answer:

States are invoiced for the subsidies and supplements the Commonwealth pays to providers for care provided to younger people in the residential care and home care packages programmes. In residential care, the basic subsidy amount is determined by the resident's classification under the Aged Care Funding Instrument. In home care, the amount paid depends on the home care level (1-4) package a younger person is in receipt of. In both residential and home care, supplements may also be paid to recognise additional costs associated with care of an individual.

In 2012-13, this amounted to \$226,321,000 invoiced to the six participating states for younger people in residential aged care, and \$21,456,000 invoiced to the states for younger people in home care packages (totalling \$247,777,000).

Payments for 2013-14 onwards have not yet been made as the Commonwealth and states are considering cross-billing interactions in the context of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). This is being progressed through NDIS bilateral discussions.