

AGED CARE REFORMS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

From 1 November 2025, a once-in-a-generation reform comes into effect, transforming the whole aged care sector to put older people at the centre of aged care. As partners in care, primary care teams play an essential role. Here's a snapshot of what's changing and how you can play a part.

Changes at a glance

A new Aged Care Act - Older People Recognised as Rights Holders

Patients can have **My Health Record** linked to their My Aged Care Client Record supporting co-ordinated care between the aged care and primary care teams

Strengthened Standards including for clinical care

NEW eligibility for My Aged Care - aged 65 years and over; 50+ if Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander or homeless or at risk of homelessness

NEW Support at Home (ongoing services) offers 8 levels of support, including domestic assistance, personal care, nursing, allied health, respite for carers

Restorative Care Pathway: Up to 12 weeks of clinical co-ordinated care ((including allied health) after an illness or injury to help eligible older people maintain or regain independence

NEW End of Life Pathway: Up to \$25,000 to support an eligible person assessed by a GP or Nurse Practitioner to have life expectancy of 3 months or less

Assistive Technology and Home Modifications: For modifications, equipment or technology to remain independent at home

Where primary care comes in

- ✓ Identify eligible patients who might benefit from help to live independently or can no longer live independently and talk to them and their supports about aged care services
- ✓ Refer a patient to My Aged Care for an assessment or re-assessment
- ✓ Prescribe Home modifications or assistive equipment
- ✓ Refer patients who need help to navigate government services to local care finders
- ✓ Assess end of life patients using Karnofsky Score and refer to My Aged Care (using special form) for extra services
- ✓ Advocate to be part of a multidisciplinary team in restorative care

For more information on the above, including what to look for and how to refer, please visit:

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[Aged care assessment health pathways](#)
(from 1 November)

