

**The Home Care Package funds CANNOT be used towards:**

- Items that would normally be purchased out of general income
- Buying food, except as part of enteral feeding requirements
- Payment for permanent accommodation, including assistance with home purchase, mortgage payments or rent
- Payment of home care fees
- Payment of fees or charges for other types of care funded or jointly funded by the Australian Government
- Home modifications or assets that are not related to your care needs
- Travel and accommodation for holidays
- Cost of entertainment activities, such as club memberships and tickets to sporting events
- Gambling activities
- Payment for services and items covered by the Medicare Benefits Schedule or the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.



## WHAT WILL IT COST ME?

**The ACAT Assessment is free.** The total cost of a home care package is made up of:

- What you need to pay (your contribution)
- What the Australian Government pays (the subsidy).

The individual amount that will be paid will depend on whether you are asked to pay an income-tested care fee (mandatory - Between \$0.00 and \$29.92). It also depends on whether you can afford and would like to contribute any Basic Daily Fee towards your package (negotiable).\*

\*From 20 September 2018, the maximum basic daily fee the provider can ask you to pay is: \$10.43 per day (This amount applies even if you are a member of a couple).

**At JCS, all home care packages are provided on a consumer directed care basis. Which means we will work with you to identify a package of care and services to meet your needs so you can live a more active and independent life. If you need any help, our Home care coordinator can assist you in any stage.**

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# HOME CARE PACKAGE

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## WHAT IS A HOME CARE PACKAGE?

**A home care package is a coordinated package of care and services to help you to live independently in your own home for as long as you can.**

The Package will be coordinated by your home care provider who will discuss with you to:

- Choose care and services that best meet your needs and goals
- Manage your care and services

This discussion will form a care plan detailing the services and items to be put into place. This care plan can be reviewed and changed as your needs change.

**There are four levels of home care packages to help meet the different levels of care needs:**



The Australian Government pays a different subsidy amount for each level of home care package. This amount is paid to the home care provider you choose.

## HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM ELIGIBLE FOR A HOME CARE PACKAGE?

If you are an elderly person over 65 who needs coordinated services to help you to stay in your home, you are likely to be eligible.

## HOW DO I ACCESS A HOME CARE PACKAGE?

You can access a Home Care Package by following these five steps:



**1. Call My Aged Care on 1800 200 422 to request an Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) assessment.**

**2. An ACAT Assessor will conduct a home assessment during which the ACAT will determine your eligibility, which package level best meets your care needs and your priority for accessing a package.**

**3. If approved as eligible you will be APPROVED\* for one level of home care package. You will be prioritised for care and you will be placed on the national queue for a package.**

**4. When you reach the top of the queue, you will be ASSIGNED\* a home care and receive a letter from My Aged Care with a unique referral code.**

**5. Present your referral code to your preferred Home Care Services provider, such as Jewish Community Services, to arrange the package of care.**

\* There is a difference between the ACAT Approval and Assignment. Between the ACAT Approval and Assignment you will be waiting on the national queue. Each person's waiting time is different and is depending on your priority and other personal circumstances. Please note that your care and services can only commence when you are Assigned a home care package.

## WHAT SERVICES CAN BE OFFERED THROUGH A HOME CARE PACKAGE?

Depending on your needs, some of the common services that are provided through a Home Care Package include:

- Personal care
- Cleaning
- Meal preparation
- Transport
- Shopping respite
- Social support
- Medication management
- Allied health (physiotherapy, podiatrist or dietician) or nursing