



# Budget 2020-21

This information is accurate as at 6 October 2020.

## Ageing and Aged Care

This measure will be implemented in 2 phases.

### Phase 1

Services Australia will implement the new Improved Payment Administration arrangements in home care from January 2021.

From February 2021, providers of home care will be paid once aged care services are delivered rather than in advance.

### Phase 2

From September 2021, services will be required to submit a dollar figure for each care recipient as part of their claim. This will represent the actual expense of providing services to the care recipient within the claiming month.

Services will be paid based on that dollar figure, up to the limit of their claim entitlement for the claiming month plus any amount not claimed from previous months.

Unclaimed amounts will accrue and be made available to the service in future months. Services will have a 6 month window to opt to return to government unspent amounts currently held on their books.

This change is subject to the passage of legislation.

### **Who does this measure affect?**

This affects aged care providers delivering home care packages, also referred to as Home Care services.

### **When will this start and finish?**

Phase 1 will start from January 2021.

Phase 2 will start from September 2021.