Services Australia – Supporting Aged Care Reform transcript

Aged care is changing for the better.

The new Aged Care Act places older people at the centre of the aged care system – including for the first time a Statement of Rights for older people and a Statement of Principles for aged care providers.

The Home Care Package and Short-Term Restorative Care Programs will be replaced by Support at Home – helping older Australians remain in their homes and communities for longer.

Changes to means tested residential aged care fees will ensure people contribute to their non-clinical care and everyday living costs, if they can afford to.

We’re also changing the way we collect and check your financial information to assess your residential aged care contribution.

Your aged care provider will tell us about the balance of any lump sum you’ve paid for accommodation in an aged care home. If the information doesn’t match your current means assessment, we’ll contact you to confirm we have the correct information. We can then adjust your means assessment if we need to.

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