

What does a Home Care Package cover?

Home Care Packages cover a wide range of services:

COMMON SERVICES

<i>Cleaning and household tasks</i>	Cleaning and household tasks may include: help with making beds; ironing; laundry; dusting; vacuuming; and mopping.
<i>Personal care</i>	Personal care services may include help with: bathing; showering; toileting; dressing/undressing; getting in and out of bed; washing and drying hair; shaving; and reminding client's to take their medication.
<i>Meal preparation</i>	Assistance with preparing meals delivery of a ready-made meal (We can prepare healthy home cooked meals to suit your taste and dietary requirements). It does not include the cost of food which client's must pay for.
<i>In-home respite (day-time)</i>	A care worker supporting client's in their home for a short period of time, for example when their carer is away or unavailable.
<i>In-home respite (overnight)</i>	A care worker supporting client's in their home overnight, for example when their carer is away or unavailable. May also be called a 'sleepover'.
<i>Transport services</i>	Accompanied or unaccompanied transport to help the person shop, visit a health practitioner or attend social activities.
<i>Social support, shopping services, community access</i>	Individual and group/centre-based social support which may include arranging social or cultural activities, taking a client shopping or to events, and other out-of-home services that help prevent social isolation. May also include advocacy services to help protect the person's interests or emotional support and support services to maintain personal affairs.

IN HOME NURSING

<i>Nursing care - registered nurse</i>	Nursing services may include: wound care and management; medication administration such as assisting client's to take medication; general health and other assessments; certain medical tests including blood pressure; and support with dementia. The costs shown are for nursing services delivered by a Registered Nurse. Note: charges for goods such as bandages, dressings and continence aids should be listed under "Consumables".
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<i>Nursing care - enrolled nurse or other licensed nurse</i>	Nursing services may include: wound care and management; medication administration such as assisting client's to take medication; general health and other assessments; certain medical tests including blood pressure; and support with dementia. The costs shown are for nursing services delivered by other levels of nurses (e.g. an Enrolled Nurse or specialist nurse). Note: charges for goods such as bandages, dressings and continence aids should be listed under "Consumables".
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And we also engage external services on your behalf to deliver:

HEALTH CARE AND THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

<i>Allied health professional (practitioner)</i>	Allied health and therapy services provided by a qualified practitioner including services such as Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Podiatrists, Speech Therapists, Exercise Physiologists, Dieticians, Diversional Therapists etc.
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SPECIALISED HOME AND GARDEN SERVICES

<i>Light gardening</i>	Light gardening may include help with light weeding; watering; light pruning; lawn mowing; or minor garden maintenance. Any large gardening job (e.g. quote based) should be captured under "Home maintenance".
<i>Home modifications</i>	Modifications to the home, if required, such as easy access taps, shower hose or bath rails or other modifications to allow the consumer to remain at home. Approved providers will assist the consumer and homeowner, if the home owner is not the consumer, in accessing further technical advice on more comprehensive home modifications.
<i>Home maintenance</i>	Home maintenance, reasonably required to maintain the home and garden in a condition of functional safety and provide an adequate level of security. Will include the cost of any large/quote based gardening job.

OTHER SERVICES

<i>Other services required to maintain the home care recipient at home</i>	This is a general category that captures agreed other services required to support the client to live at home. May include telehealth or a range of other services required.
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What is NOT included in a Home Care Package?

All products and services funded under a Home Care Package must meet the Home Care Package guidelines determined by the government.

The following items are excluded from your Home Care Package and cannot be arranged through ACCS:

- Use of the package funds as a source of general income such as household bills, purchase of a car or petrol or funeral cover;
- Purchase of 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 such as the income-tested care fee;
- Payment of fees or charges for other types of care funded or jointly funded by the Australian Government such as Transition Care fees or services that can be covered by the public health system;
- Home modifications or capital items 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.