

Q&A from ACSA Webinar – Budget Briefing 2021

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Home Care

Member Query: When will the Home Care Packages approved now be committed/assigned by the Government?

Answer:

2021-22

Level 1 - minus 5,000
Level 2 – 19,000
Level 3 – 20,000
Level 4 – 6,000
TOTAL – 40,000

2022-23

Level 1 - 0
Level 2 – 17,000
Level 3 – 17,000
Level 4 – 6,000
TOTAL – 40,000

For each level, the number of packages to be released each week is expected to be the annual total of packages divided by the number of weeks in the year.

Residential Care

Member Query: Response to Royal Commission Rec. 86 says Govt has accepted the recommendation on minimum staffing levels. Text only talks about Oct 2023 200 mins (incl 40 mins RN). However, ACRC recommendation said additional 15 mins per resident per day would come in 2024. Has Govt endorsed that too?

Answer: We have not seen a reference to the extra '15 minutes'

Member Query: For clarification - is it \$10 per resident per day from July 1 plus indexation or inclusive of indexation

Answer: The Department of Health has advised ACSA that the supplement of \$10 per resident per day from 1 July 2021 is in addition to the annual indexation arrangements that occur on 1 July. The percentage indexation amount from 1 July 2021 is not expected to be made available until sometime in June.

Member Query: With ACAR being abolished, how will beds be allocated?

Answer: From 1 July 2024, residential care places will be allocated according to consumers' preference, as opposed to bed licences, which will give them greater choice and control over which approved residential provider delivers their care. Government funding will be directed to the provider the consumer chooses.

Member Query: What is in the definition of the 200 minutes? Is it direct care or will it include activity staff?

Answer: Royal Commission recommended 200mins be for registered nurses, enrolled nurses, and personal care workers

We are pursuing answers to the following questions:

Member Query: Do we have any insight into what one NWAU will be worth under the AN-ACC model?

Member Query: In pillar 3 in 2024 it refers to new independent regulatory authority - know if that will replace the commission?

Member Query: Will we have national response to imminent industrial wage increase demands?

Member Query: Is there anything further around the content of the cert 3 - just adding 40k more places does not mean the training is in any way improved and staff more prepared and ready to start in aged care

Member Query: What does surge locum workforce capacity mean in practical terms?

Member Query: Reference 24 pillar 2 that packages assigned to person not the home - is that right?

Member Query: Do we have any detail on support for informal carers from 2021? Also, any detail on connecting people with other healthcare supports from 2023? Many thanks

Member Query: Can you tell me how many RC recommendations in total government are acting on with this response?

Member Query: I noted extension of CHSP to 2023 and quiet small comment about introduction of payment for CHSP in arrears. Suggests an output-based claiming process! Is there any more detail available about this?

Any info re \$3,700 RN retention grant? I read that on an ABC summary last night ...

Member Query: Can we obtain more information about how RN incentive scheme will work and how providers and/or RNs can apply?

Member Query: When will they release the ANACC costs weighting?

Member Query: Will the funding for the minimum staffing ratios come through the AN-ACC funding model?

Member Query: On ACSA's Federal budget Analysis document - there is a breakdown of funding per year (page 3) can we get some further understanding of what that spend relates to?

Member Query: Any detail on board structure and composition direction/requirement?

Member Query: Any further info around RN requirement for rural areas ie very small services? Plus the 40 minutes and the 16 hours on site.

Member Query: Is there any capital included in residential respite?

Member Query: The significant investment in BDF and increasing staffing minutes in residential care is welcomed however given there are associated increased costs with these investments is there anything which would be expected to materially address financial sustainability issues which much of the industry is facing? Appreciate the independent pricing may address this however the delay in establishing and then reviewing/revising pricing will likely see more providers leaving the market in the meantime.

Member Query: There was a reference in the ACRC response about more funding for allied health in CHSP during 21-22 but it isn't clear where this is picked up in the Budget papers.

Member Query: The star ratings take the 200 minutes into account and the star ratings come in prior to when the 200 minutes are mandatory. Will the star ratings be based on the 200 minutes prior to them being mandatory?

Member Query: Any detail on how the training of additional staff will be managed or allocated and to who?

Member Query: The \$3.9 billion to fund the increase in care staff (care minutes) - will this funding on be paid when the 200 minutes become mandatory, or will it be paid over the 4 years?

Member Query: Will Prudential and Financial oversight stay with the Q&S commission?

Member Query: Anything about the single assessment agencies?

Member Query: You mentioned the aged care standards are being reviewed? this is the 2019 standards?

Member Query: Any background on or understanding of the level of detail/info expected to be included on the monthly Care Statement required from July 2022?

Member Query: With regards to respite, will low and high respite be combined to fund this better otherwise how will more facilities provide more respite?