

Aged Care Funding and My Aged Care

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Did you know....?
That almost 25% of the
Sunshine Coasts population
is 65 years of age and above?

*According to the 2021 Census results**



How does the Australian Government assist our aging population?

Funding for subsidized services and supports through My Aged Care

Government reforms to increase the quality of care and services for Aged Care

Government funding for research and support for aged related conditions, such as dementia





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My Aged Care

My Aged Care (MAC) is the first step to accessing services and support.

They provide advice, assessments and information and are an Australian Government organisation.

My Aged Care can provide funding to support older people with everyday living tasks and aged related decline in health and ability.

Whether you wish to stay in your home as you age or enter a Residential Aged Care Facility (RACF), My Aged Care can provide guidance, assessments and funding to support you and your choices.

How do I qualify?

1. Are you 65 years or older?
2. Are you ATSI and 50 years or older?
3. Do you have age related care needs and require assistance with tasks you can no longer complete on your own?
4. Have you been diagnosed with a medical condition or have reduced mobility?
5. Have you noticed a change in what you can do or remember?
6. Have you experienced a change in family care arrangements?
7. Have you had a recent fall or hospital admission?

You may qualify for government-subsidised aged care services



Current Levels of Care and Assistance

- Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP)
- Home Care Package (HCP)
- Short Term Respite Care
- Residential Aged Care Facility (RACF)
- *Support at Home (Commencing July 1st 2025) will replace and combine HCP and CHSP Programs

How much support is currently funded?

CHSP- Individual referral codes determined by eligibility

HCP Level 1- Daily- \$29.01 Annually - \$10,588.65

HCP Level 2- Daily - \$51.02 Annually- \$18,622.30

HCP Level 3- Daily- \$111.04 Annually- \$40, 529.60

HCP Level 4- Daily- \$168.33 Annually- \$61,440.45

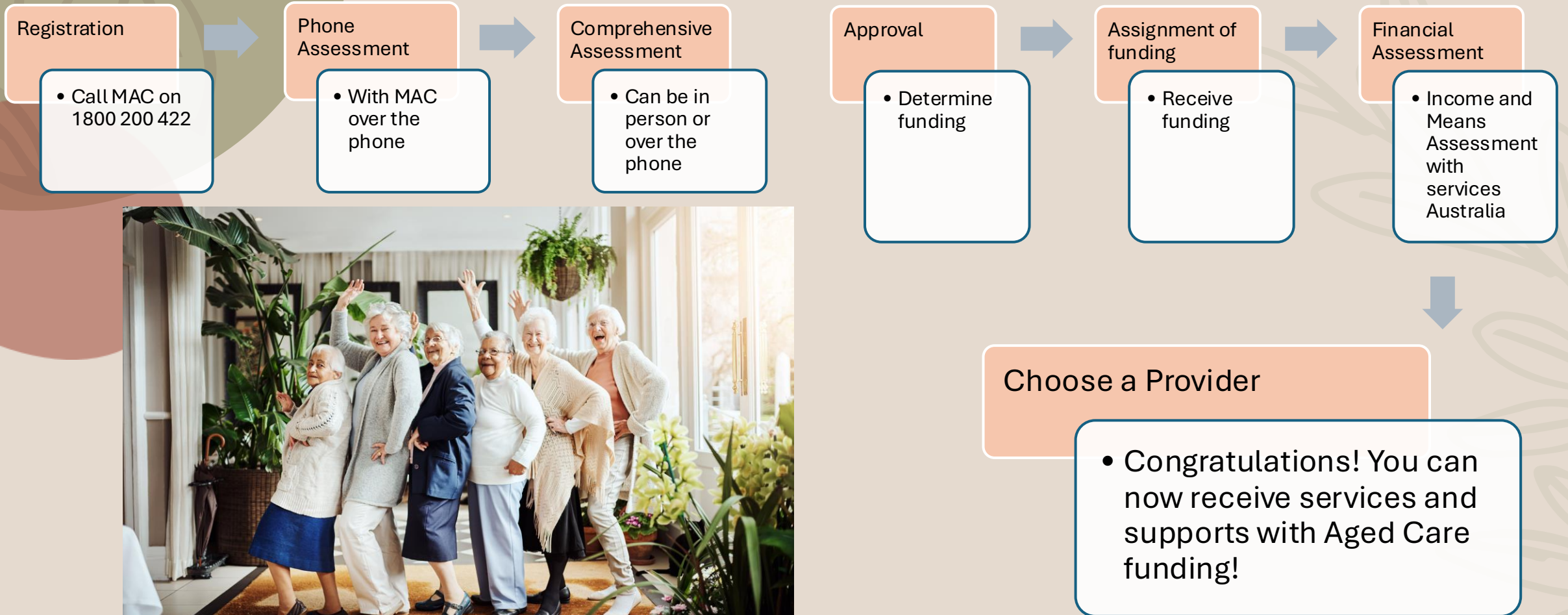
Other supplements may be available for individual's dependent on eligibility, such as the dementia and oxygen supplements.

Currently, any unspent funds accumulate from year to year.

*Amounts as of July 1st, 2024. The maximum government contribution changes each year. The individual amount that will be paid will depend on whether you are asked to pay an Income Tested Fee- Support at Home commences July 1st 2025 and will replace the HCP and CHSP funding streams



How to register- Navigating My Aged Care



Services available

Services are intended to assist you with tasks you are no longer able to complete on your own or can assist you to remain safe and healthy at home for as long as you are able to. These services and supports can include:

- Personal Care
- Clinical Care and In Home Nursing support
- Domestic Assistance
- Social Support
- Transport



- Meal Services
- Technical Support (IT)
- Day Respite Centres
- Gardening and Lawn Maintenance
- Home Modifications
- Allied Health- Physio, Podiatry, OT, Dieticians
- Overnight Cottage Respite
- Social Groups
- Consumables- Continence aids
- Mobility Aids and Equipment

Limitations

The Government provided funding does, however, come with some limitations.

The intent of Aged Care funding is to support with “age-related functional decline”, meaning a reduction in ability to perform activities of daily living due to a decrease in physical and/or cognitive functioning associated with ageing.

Aged Care funding is not designed to be a secondary income stream, and it can not be used where another government subsidy can be accessed, such as Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS), Hearing Service Program (HSP), Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), Medical Aids Subsidy Scheme (MASS) to name a few.

Services are intended to:

- Keep you healthy and independent at home
- Focus on re-ablement
- Keep you safe in your home and support functional safety
- Allow you to interact with and maintain your community connections
- Support your aged related care needs

Your provider will assist you to determine your assessed aged related needs, and work towards a Budget and Care Plan so that your assessed aged related needs are covered.

If you are wondering if certain items or services are available under the funding, it is always best to check with your provider who can advise you if the item or service is a specified exclusion under the Home care Package guidelines and are considered to be an acceptable use of Government funding.

Key Points to Consider when Choosing a Provider

- What are the providers fees for package and care management?
- What is the current hourly rate for services?
- What are the minimum service times?
- Do you have an individual Care Manager (Care Partner)?
- What if my needs increase?
- What services do you offer?
- Does the provider offer the management choice you wish to explore?
- How contactable is my Case Manager (Care Partner)?
- What are your staffing levels like? Will I be left without care?
- Do you charge an exit fee? (As of 1st January 2023- NO provider can charge you an exit fee!!)
- What if things go wrong?



Take your time to interview your provider. A reputable organisation will always take the time and care needed to ensure your needs and questions are answered prior to commencing services.

Ask the provider to make a home visit to provide you with the information you need to feel confident moving forward.



RangeCare was established in 1986 and is a local, non-for-profit organisation assisting thousands of clients across the entire Sunshine Coast, Gympie and Cooloola Cove regions, offering the full range of in-home, social and respite support services to encourage people to live independently and are committed to helping people from all backgrounds to Live Your Best Life!

RangeCare employs over 225 locals, engages 200 local contractors and has an incredible volunteer network that is over 150 members strong!

We provide assistance to individuals under the following funding models:

- HCP, CHSP, NDIS, QCSS, QLD Community Transport Scheme and work closely with the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health System to support patients under TCP, PAF and Palliative Care

As we are a non-for-profit organisation, we are always developing new and innovative programs tailored to enhance the lives of those we support. Some of these tailored services include our in-house Meal Delivery Service, Cottage Respite located in the picturesque suburb of Flaxton, Day Respite Centres, Healthy Lifestyle Programs and dedicated IT programs, and so much more.

If you'd like to find out more, please give our friendly and knowledgeable team members a call on (07) 5445—7044

Our Range Care Team





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