



A home care package is a coordinated package of care and services to help you to live independently in your own home for as long as possible.

**EXAMPLE ONE**

**Mrs Edward** has been assigned a level 4 package and is approved to receive a Dementia and Cognition Supplement. She has been income assessed to contribute \$0 towards her care and decides not to pay the full Basic Daily Care Fee.

**Level 4**  
Government subsidy received  
**\$137.77** per day  
**\$964.39** per week

+

Mrs Edward's co-contribution  
**\$0**

+

Dementia Supplement  
**\$13.78** per day week  
**\$96.46** per week

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Total weekly package income: **\$1060.85**

**Mrs Edward's choices**  
as per her existing needs for any given week:

**Care Services:**  
Personal Care Nutrition & Meal preparation  
Transport and personal assistance Social support  
1:1 or group based activities

OR

**Clinical services:**  
Continenence Management Nursing, allied health & therapy services  
Wound management Aids and equipment  
Home maintenance

OR

**Needs assessment:**  
Access to Case Manager & Registered Nurse to assess needs & adjust services with no time limited case management fee applicable

Weekly spend: **\$675.07**

Empower Care admin fee **25%**

Contingency funds: **10%**

Weekly spend: **\$675.07**

**EXAMPLE TWO**

**Mr Edward** has been assigned a level 2 package and is required to make an income tested fee (assessed by Centrelink) of \$5.42 and chooses not to pay the Basic Daily Care fee.

**Level 2**  
Government subsidy received  
**\$41.22** per day  
**\$288.54** per week

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Income tested fee  
**\$37.94** per week

+

No supplements

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Total weekly package income: **\$326.48**

**Mr Edward's choices**  
as per his existing needs for any given week:

**Care Services:**  
Personal Care Nutrition & Meal preparation  
Transport and personal assistance Social support  
1:1 or group based activities

OR

**Clinical services:**  
Continenence Management Nursing, allied health & therapy services  
Wound management Aids and equipment  
Home maintenance

OR

**Needs assessment:**  
Access to Case Manager & Registered Nurse to assess needs & adjust services with no time limited case management fee applicable

Per week spend: **\$201.98**

Empower Care fee **25%**

Contingency funds **10%**

Per week spend: **\$201.98**

## WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

**1. Government Funding** - The majority of your home care is funded by the Commonwealth Government. Your Home Care Package is delivered according to your assessed care needs and allocated in levels (from 1-4) with higher levels receiving more funding.

**2. Your Contribution** - The Government allows home care providers to charge a Basic Daily Care Fee of up to about \$10.43 per day which is your maximum contribution. This helps cover the cost of your chosen care or assistance. Depending on your income, you may be asked to contribute to the cost of your care. This is known as an "income tested care fee" and is advised by DHS.

**3. Supplements** - You may also be eligible for subsidies or supplements depending on your situation. It's best to check with one of our Registered nurse or case manager, about the range of supports you may be able to claim.

## EMPOWER CARE

Would you like to ensure you are getting the right services for YOU – at the right price? Take control of your future by choosing Empower Care to manage your Home Care Package for you.

FOR ASSISTANCE AND MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT OUR FRIENDLY TEAM DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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## HOW DOES IT WORK?

**Nominate Carers Queensland as your Aged Care Provider and we will help you take care of everything else.**

- »» Personalised, affordable, flexible approach to meet your needs
- »» Receive the maximum amount of service hours
- »» Dedicated Registered Nurses, Case Managers who takes the time to listen to you and respond to your needs

### **We will help you to:**

- »» customise a plan to work out the services you'll need
- »» decide which services are right for you, by offering impartial, informative advice
- »» set up service contracts for you
- »» pay service providers on your behalf
- »» keep track of your spending, providing you with monthly expenditure statements
- »» change service providers at any time

### **Easy-to-understand fee information to help you choose a care plan that is right for you**

Our management fee is a flat rate of 25% of your Home Care Package allocation.

- »» No case management fee
- »» No extra costs for phone calls and home visits from your Care manager ensuring you can access as much support and advice as you need

