Summary of Commonwealth Aged Care Reform Initiatives

The Commonwealth aged care reforms are being implemented incrementally and encompass significant changes to Commonwealth funded services, consumer access points and fees and charges.

The rollout of My Aged Care is part of the broader aged care reforms being implemented by the Commonwealth and from 21 March 2016, the Aged Care Assessment Teams (ACAT) in South Australia, are transitioning to full functionality within the My Aged Care System.

This document outlines the details of the various Commonwealth Aged Care Reform Initiatives as well as changes associated with transitioning to full functionality.

Commonwealth Reforms to Aged Care from 1 July 2015

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| 1 July 2015       | Access2HomeCare (A2HC) - South Australia only  
                    Central gateway for all referrals for people aged over 65 (50 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander):  
                    - Home and Community Care (HACC)  
                    - Aged Care Assessment Teams.  
                    Assessment for HACC eligibility conducted at the local Service Provider level.  
                    Four individual support programmes:  
                    Home and Community Care (HACC)  
                    Day Therapy Centres  
                    National Respite for Carers Program  
                    Possible inclusion of Assistance with Care and Housing for the Aged  
                    1 August 2013 - 1 July 2015 Home Care Packages (HCP) in transition phase to Consumer Directed Care. | My Aged Care  
                    Central gateway for all referrals for assessment and Commonwealth subsidised aged care service provision.  
                    Regional Assessment Services (RAS) undertake Home Support Assessments to determine eligibility for CHSP.  
                    Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) a single support programme.  
                    All HCP must be offered with Consumer Directed Care. |
| 1 July 2016       | Transition Care Package (TCP) Programme - only accessible from inpatient. | Short-Term Restorative Care (STRC) Programme accessible from community in addition to existing TCP Programme - only accessible from inpatient. |
| 1 February 2017   | HCP allocated to service providers through the Aged Care Approvals Round (ACAR). | HCP will be allocated directly to consumers. |
| 1 July 2018       | CHSP and HCP as separate support programmes. | A single community support programme - (combining CHSP/HCP) |
## Changes associated with ACAT transition to My Aged Care

### BEFORE 21 MARCH 2016 TRANSITION

Clients referred for an ACAT assessment:
- My Aged Care Contact Centre
  - the Client
  - responsible person/advocate
  - GP
  - Service Provider
  - Country Health SA Local Health Network staff
  - country private hospitals
- Direct to ACAT
  - metropolitan Local Health Network staff
  - metropolitan private hospitals

### POST 21 MARCH 2016 TRANSITION

- No change to referral pathways post 21 March 2016.

### ACATs assess eligibility for:
- Home Care Packages
- Transition Care Programme
- Residential care (permanent and respite)

- No change to services that ACAT assess eligibility for.

### All ACAT assessments in South Australia completed using the Aged Care Evaluation (ACE) System.

- All ACAT assessments in South Australia completed using the My Aged Care System.

### Assessments undertaken using the Aged Care Client Record (ACCR).

- Assessments undertaken using the National Screening Assessment Form (NSAF).
  - The NSAF is designed to assist in the collection of information to support ACATs in screening and assessment processes. This includes questions asked as part of:
    - screening
    - home support assessment
    - comprehensive assessment

### Client or their responsible person receives the:
- Delegate Approval Letter
- ACCR

### Client or their responsible person receives the:
- Delegate Approval Letter
- Support Plan
- Referral Code Letter (by request only)

- The Support Plan comprises:
  - Client identification details, situation, background, assessment summary and recommendations
  - Situational context and background
  - Approval information
  - Referral codes – this will allow discharge staff to contact service providers directly

### Referrals post ACAT assessment to Service Providers made in a paper-based format.

- e-Referrals post ACAT assessment to Service Providers facilitated online through the My Aged Care System.

- Ability for Service Providers to utilise the referral code to also access the Client record.

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