



AN-ACC Funding Model: Information for people in need of Residential Respite services

The Australian Government has been examining options to improve funding for residential aged care facilities, and has developed the Australian National Aged Care Classification (AN-ACC) model as a possible replacement for the Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI).

Over a 12 month period starting from April 2021, called the ‘shadow assessment period’, individuals who are eligible for **residential respite services** may be asked some additional questions. The responses to these question will help prepare for a move to the new funding model, should Government decide to implement the AN-ACC in the future.

Did you know?

Respite assessments conducted during the shadow assessment period will inform the Government of the anticipated residential respite level and funding that the provider would receive for the individual under a new respite funding model. The respite assessment will not impact current residential respite arrangements or funding for providers.

What are the proposed respite funding changes?

Under the proposed changes, the new funding model would replace the existing two class (low/high) respite subsidy with a daily payment made up of:

1. a *variable* component based on an assessment performed by a My Aged Care Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) Assessor, and
2. a *fixed* component that aligns with the AN-ACC funding for permanent residents.

Who will conduct respite assessments during this period?

This will depend on the timing of the person's ACAT assessment and when they access residential respite care during the 12 month shadow assessment period.

Most respite assessments conducted during the shadow assessment period will be conducted by an ACAT assessor as part of the standard comprehensive assessment process.

Where someone is accessing residential respite services at the same time an AN-ACC assessor is at the residential aged care facility, the assessor may ask some questions of the respite person to update their records. AN-ACC assessors are clinically qualified and are trained to conduct these assessments.

Will these changes impact ACAT assessments for individuals?

There will be minimal change to the current ACAT assessment process during the shadow assessment period. However, for the assessment that is usually done in person, the assessor may ask the individual being considered for residential respite services to respond to a few additional questions about their mobility.

Is the additional respite assessment mandatory?

No, participation in additional respite assessments during the shadow assessment period is not mandatory.

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