

# Carer Programs – What is Changing?

The Australian Government is investing an additional $84.3 million over four years to roll out a range of new early intervention services for Australia’s unpaid carers.

The implementation of the Integrated Carer Support Service will see funding for a number of current services transition to services to be delivered by the Carer Gateway. Funding for some carer respite programs is transitioning to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Arrangements will be in place to transition from the current model to the new service model to ensure continuity of support. Carers can continue to access support through their usual service providers until the commencement of the Carer Gateway service providers.

The following table, under the Current State heading, describes Government funded carer programs that the Department of Social Services currently administers.

Under the Future State heading, the table outlines the supports that will be available for carers under the new Carer Gateway service model.

In the first row of the table, current program funding which supports the current state programs will transition to Carer Gateway.

In the second row of the table, the listed programs will transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

The Young Carer Bursary program will continue to be administered separately.

| **Current State: Commonwealth carer programs funded by the Department of Social Services** | **Future state** |
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| * Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centres * Consumer Directed Respite Care * National Carer Counselling Program * Carer Information & Support Services * Dementia Education & Training for Carers * Counselling Support, Information & Advocacy: Carer Support * Young Carers – Education Support, Information & Advocacy, Advice & Referral * Young Carer Bursary | Carer Gateway will include the following services:   * Digital Counselling * In-Person Counselling * Carer Online Resources * Online Carer Coaching * In-Person Carer Coaching * Online Peer Support * In-Person Peer Support * Carer Directed Support * Emergency Respite |
| * Young Carers: Direct Respite * Respite Support for Carers of Young People with a Severe or Profound Disability * Mental Health Respite: Carer Support | National Disability Insurance Scheme |