

Country Health Connect

YNLHN Residential Aged Care

Respite Care

Residential respite care provides short term care on a planned or emergency basis in an aged care facility to people who have been assessed and approved to receive it.

The primary purpose of residential respite care is to give a carer or care recipient a break from their usual care arrangements.

Initial Assessment

To have access to respite care, you will need a free assessment from the Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT). An ACAT representative will speak to you about your current situation and will work out if you are eligible for residential respite care. Please contact My Aged Care on 1800 200 422 to be referred for a free assessment with an ACAT. Please note an ACAT assessment is not applicable to our Multipurpose sites.

Finding Short Term Care

Our aged care facilities provide a range of respite care services depending on your needs.

If you are eligible for respite care, you are able to access up to 63 days per financial year. Please remember it is the discretion of the aged care facility as to whether they have the bed capacity to offer and provide respite.

Prices

For residential respite care you will be required to pay a basic daily fee which is equivalent of 85% of the full single aged pension, which **currently equates to \$63.82 per day**, (as per the current commonwealth government fees and charges). This daily care fee applies to both Residential Aged Care (RAC) and Multi-Purpose Services (MPS) facilities. This fee is set by the Australian Government and is reviewed twice yearly in March and September. Respite fees are invoiced fortnightly in arrears.

Third Party Funded Respite

Third party funded residential respite care is also to provide short term care either planned or in an emergency. It can be used if a carer needs a break or if the self-carer does not have a carer and you intend to return home at the end of your respite care.

If your respite care has been approved to be funded by a third party such as Carers SA or Department of Veteran's Affairs, you will not need to pay for your respite care.

Carers SA Gateway can be contacted by phoning 1800 422 737 or via email to info@carerssa.com.au

Further information is available via their website: www.carerssa.com.au

Department of Veterans' Affairs may fund residential respite care for entitled persons (e.g veterans or war widows/ers). Please contact the Veterans Home Care (VHC) Assessment Agency on 1300 550 450 to discuss further. Please note convalescent care is not provided in our aged care facilities.

Thank you for considering our aged care facilities for respite care.

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