



4 June 2025

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We would like to share an update from the Hon Sam Rae MP, the new Minister for Aged Care and Seniors.

The Minister has announced that, following consultation across the sector, the Australian Government will defer the start of the new Aged Care Act from 1 July 2025 to 1 November 2025. As a result, the rollout of the Support at Home Program will also be delayed.

This extra time will help ensure that everyone—consumers, families, providers and workers—can better understand the changes and prepare for their introduction.

The new Act will place the rights of older people at the centre of aged care and guide how services are delivered to ensure safe, high-quality and respectful care.

We will continue to keep all our consumers and families informed as we receive further details from the Government. In the meantime, there will be no changes to the way we conduct intake or deliver our services.

For your reference, we have attached the Minister's Open Letter. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to your Manager or Advisor.

ANHF Senior Management



The Hon Sam Rae MP

Minister for Aged Care and Seniors

AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE MINISTER FOR AGED CARE AND SENIORS

I am honoured to be your new federal Minister for Aged Care and Seniors.

I have spent my first three weeks as your Minister listening to older people, your families and carers, aged care providers, workers and others in the sector who have generously shared their views and feedback with me. I am privileged to be taking on an immensely important job.

The Australian Government is working to deliver once-in-a-generation reforms to build a high-quality, respectful and sustainable aged care system.

In order to deliver on the intent of these reforms and following careful consideration, the government has decided to briefly defer the start of the new Aged Care Act from 1 July 2025 to 1 November 2025.

The new Act is changing aged care laws to put the rights of older people first. It includes a Statement of Rights and a Statement of Principles to guide how providers and workers must behave and make decisions.

This extra time will allow participants to better understand the changes, so you can prepare and make informed decisions. Importantly, you will continue to receive the safe, quality care you deserve.

I am committed to building on the work we have done so far to improve aged care in Australia. The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety's number one recommendation was to deliver a new Act that puts you at the centre of your aged care, and this is what we are doing.

We are further committed to delivering the new Act and its benefits to you as soon as possible. However, a pause is needed to allow for a smoother implementation of the new Act and with the Support at Home program.

You deserve these improvements; it is as important to me to get them right as it is to you. Thank you for your patience and continuing to work with us on these changes.

Yours sincerely

Sam Rae

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致相關人士

我們想分享新任聯邦高齡護理及長者事務部長、國會議員 Sam Rae 先生的最新動態。

部長宣布,經與整個行業磋商後,澳洲政府將把新《高齡護理法例》的生效日期從 2025 年 7 月 1 日推遲到 2025 年 11 月 1 日。因此,家居支援計劃也會延後展開。

這額外的時間將有助於確保每個人——客戶、家庭、服務提供者和工作人員——都能更好地理解這些變化、並為之做好準備。

新法案將老年人的權利置於高齡護理的核心位置,並指導如何提供服務,以確保安全、高品質和尊重的照護。

我們將在收到政府的進一步詳細資訊後,繼續向所有客戶和家庭通報。在此期間,我們接收和提供服務的方式將保持不變。

為了供您參考,我們附上了部長的公開信。如有任何疑問,請隨時與您的院長或護理顧問聯繫。

澳華養老高級管理層 04/06/2025

高龄護理及長者事務部長 The Hon Sam Rae MP 致年長人士的公開信 AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE MINISTER FOR AGED CARE AND SENIORS

很榮幸成為您們的新任聯邦高齡護理及長者事務部長。

作為您們的部長,我在履任首三個星期聆聽各位長者、您們的家人及照顧者、高齡護理機構及員工,以及業界其他人士的意見。大家都樂於贈言、分享回饋信息。能夠承擔這份舉足輕重的職務,榮幸不已。

澳洲政府現正推行一個一時無兩的改革,致力締造一個優質、互相尊重及可持續的高齡護理系統。

為了能實踐改革精神,政府經慎重考慮後決定將新「高齡護理法例」(the new Aged Care Act)的實施日期自 2025 年 7 月 1 日稍延至 2025 年 11 月 1 日。

新「高齡護理法例」修定現行的「高齡護理法例」,以長者權利為首,其中包括「權利宣言」(Statement of Rights)及「綱領宣言」(Statement of Principles),在服務實踐及抉擇上明確指引服務機構及員工。

稍為延後讓有關人士有更多時間了解改變,也讓您們能更充分準備、掌握資訊、知所選擇。 重要的是: 您們仍會繼續享有應得的安全和優質護理。

我將在現有基礎上致力改善澳洲高齡護理。監管「高齡護理質素及安全」(Aged Care Quality and Safety)的「皇家調查委員會」(Royal Commission)首要建議就是推行以您為中心的高齡護理,這正是我們現在努力的目標。

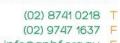
我們也銳意盡快推行新「高齡護理法例」,讓您享其效益;可是必須稍作停頓,讓過渡至新「高齡護理法例」及「家居支援服務」(Support at Home Program)的流程更為暢順。這些改進都是您們應得的;對您我來說,將其納入正軌實在刻不容緩。衷心感謝您們的耐性,盼望和大家一起並肩帶來改變。

祝身心康泰!

(簽署)

Sam Rae

2025年6月4日





致相关人士

ANHF 澳華養老

我们想分享新任联邦高龄护理及长者事务部长、国会议员 Sam Rae 先生的 最新动态。

部长宣布、经与整个行业磋商后、澳洲政府将把新《高龄护理法例》的生 效日期从 2025 年 7 月 1 日推迟到 2025 年 11 月 1 日。因此、家居支援计 划也会延后展开。

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