

Program update January 2025: Impact of the new Aged care Act for people aged under 65 yrs.

This update is to alert you about some upcoming changes to the AFA YPIRAC System Coordinator Program (the Program) in 2025 as a result of the new Act.

Help for younger people under 65 years during January to June 2025

From January through to June 2025 the Program will continue to operate as business as usual.

Our 1800 771 663 phone line will continue to respond to enquiries from individuals, hospitals and community providers seeking support for younger people under 65 years not currently eligible for the NDIS who may be at risk of entry into aged care services.

All eligible referrals taken **on or before** 30 June 2025, will be managed by the Program under the [“Principles and guidelines for younger person’s access to Commonwealth funded aged care services”](#) released on 9 December 2024.

Help for younger people under 65 years post 30 June 2025

From 1 July 2025, the new Aged Care Act 2024, will restrict entry to all forms of Australian Government-funded aged care services to only people aged 65 years and over. Hence, the Program will no longer be able to make referrals for those under 65 yrs to the My Aged Care for Aged Care Assessments.

However, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and in need of care (aged 50-64 years of age) will remain eligible to access aged care services.

This will mean that the relevant State or Territory Government will be required to provide suitable support and services to meet the needs of these people ineligible for aged care services.

Funding for AFA’s Program will continue post 30 June and the Systems Coordinator teams will work with the available State/Territory agencies to identify and explore appropriate services to meet the needs of this group.

Our phone line will continue to respond to enquiries about younger people under 65 years with complex health needs not currently eligible for the NDIS who are at risk of remaining safely at home without supports.

Further links

[New Aged Care Act](#)

[AFA Younger People in Residential Aged Care System Coordinator Program](#)