

Support at Home: End-of-Life Pathway

The End-of-Life Pathway will support participants who have been diagnosed with 3 months or less to live and wish to remain at home, by providing an increase in the level of services available. A total of \$25,000 is available per eligible participant over a 12-week period.



Eligibility criteria

An older person is eligible to access the End-of-Life Pathway if they meet the following criteria:

- A doctor or nurse practitioner advising estimated life expectancy of 3 months or less to live, and
- Australian-modified Karnofsky Performance Status (AKPS) score (mobility/frailty indicator) of 40 or less

What if someone is already in the Support at Home Program?

Funding for the End-of-Life Pathway is discrete from other Support at Home classifications. If an existing Support at Home participant moves to the End-of-Life Pathway, this will replace their ongoing classification. Unlike an ongoing classification, participants cannot accrue funds under the End-of-Life Pathway.

If eligible, existing Support at Home participants can transition from an ongoing classification to the End-of-Life Pathway via a high-priority Support Plan Review. The End-of-Life classification replaces the previous ongoing classification and a budget of \$25,000 is allocated to the participant under the End-of-Life Pathway.

Planning Care

A care plan should be developed for participants receiving services under the End-of-Life Pathway, in the same way as for ongoing classifications.

End-of-Life Pathway participants can access services from the Support at Home service list, determined on a needs basis in accordance with their high-priority aged care assessment or high-priority Support Plan Review.

How does someone exit from this pathway?

Exit from the End-of-Life Pathway may take place for one of the following reasons:

- the participant has passed away;
- the participant no longer wishes to, or is no longer able to, remain at home;
- the participant has a change in medical circumstances and services under the End-of-Life Pathway are no longer required;
- the period of funding for the End-of-Life Pathway has finished (maximum 16 weeks).

Where can I find out more?

The [Support at Home program manual \(4.8MB pdf\)](#) is a guide designed to assist registered providers to understand and comply with the Support at Home program rules, procedures and obligations. Section 14 deals with the End-of-Life Pathway.

The [Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission](#) has information on the reform agenda and all aspects of the pending changes.