
Residential Respite Care

What is residential respite care?

Caring is rewarding but it can also be physically and emotionally demanding. Residential respite care provides short-term care in a residential aged care home for a person who is usually cared for at home.

You can schedule a period of respite care if your carer is going on holiday or needs to be absent for any reason. It is also available on an emergency basis, such as during periods of stress or illness.

A respite stay may be just the break you, your carer, your family or your friends need.

How often can I use residential respite care?

You can use residential respite care for up to 63 days in a financial year.

In order to be eligible for respite care the person being cared for needs to have an ACAT assessment.

Who provides residential respite care?

Senexus Aged Care Solutions can provide you with a list of residential respite care providers located near you.

Do I have to pay for respite care?

If you receive Australian government subsidised respite care in an aged care home, you will be asked to pay a basic daily fee, which is a flat fee. The maximum fee for all residential respite care is set by the government.

You may also be asked to pay a booking fee to assist in organising your care and to secure your respite place. The booking fee is a prepayment of respite care fees and not an extra payment. This fee, however, cannot be more than a full week's fee or 25% of the fee for the entire stay, whichever is the lower.

You do not have to pay an accommodation payment or a comprehensive means tested care fee for government funded residential respite care.

Can I receive respite care in an extra service aged care home?

Yes. If the aged care home in which you will be staying offers an extra service care option you can choose to receive it. However you will need to pay the extra service costs in addition to the basic daily fee.

Important!

This document is only a guide to the Government's law and policies and does not take into account your individual circumstances. Senexus Aged Care Solutions recommends that you seek appropriate professional advice relevant to your particular situation.