



Accent News

Home Care Packages and Taking Leave

Welcome to the new season of spring and in this month's newsletter we discuss how to take temporary leave from a Home Care Package. We cover what you need to do and what happens to the funding the Government pays. There is a lot to cover, so let's start...

What is Home Care Package Leave?

Leave is when a person stops receiving home care services for a while. This may occur because the person has had an admission to *Hospital*, have entered *Transition Care* or having a break in *Residential Respite*. It could also be a *Social Reason*, such as going on a holiday.

What You Must Do Before Taking Leave?

You must tell us when you start your leave by calling our office on (03) 8720 1338 or letting us know by emailing us at homecare@accenthomecare.org.au

What We Must Do While You Are on Leave

Not provide any services such as gardening or cleaning as the Australian Government does not allow this to occur. Your Care Advisor can still be contacted by you while on leave.

How Much Leave do I Get While in Hospital or During Transition Care?

For up to 28 days in a row for each hospital stay or episode of Transition Care. The Government continues to pay the full funding including any supplements that apply. If you are still in hospital or on an episode of Transition Care after 29 days your funding reduces to 25% of the full amount.

How Much Leave do I Get While in Residential Respite?

For up to 28 days of residential respite leave in a financial year, the Government continues to pay the full funding including any supplements that apply. The leave days do not have to be taken in a row. If the person takes more than 28 days of residential respite leave in that financial year, the funding reduces by 25%. Similar rules apply if you want social leave to go on a holiday.

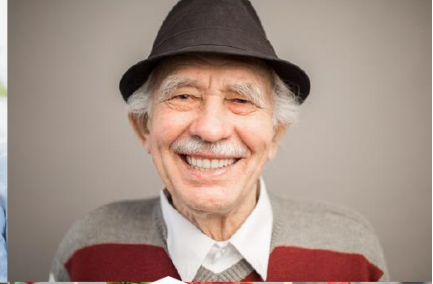
How We Can Help?

Your Care Advisor is an expert in leave management and knows how it applies to your package. So, don't hesitate to contact your Care Advisor on (03) 8720 1338 to find out more.

Take care and stay safe.

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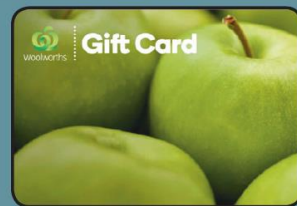
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