4 REASONS TO CONSIDER SELF-MANAGING YOUR HOME CARE PACKAGE

KEY BENEFITS

1. YOU WILL HAVE MORE CHOICE.

Self-managing your Home Care Package will give you freedom and control to choose the care workers and supplies of your choice, at times convenient to you.

2. SELF-MANAGEMENT MAY MEAN LESS FEES FOR YOU.

By self-managing your package, you may wish to take on some of the tasks that would normally be performed by your home care provider. Your provider may reduce the care management fees charged to you. Additionally, you are able to make decisions which provide the best value for your unique circumstance.

3. SELF-MANAGEMENT IS MORE CONVENIENT

It can be quicker and more efficient to organise your services directly instead of going through a third party. Care Managers often have a high number of clients to manage. Depending on a Care Manager’s other priorities and tasks they may not have the ability to respond to you in a timely manner.

4. YOU ARE IN CONTROL OF WHAT YOU SPEND.

It’s in your interest to get quality care and services at hourly rates you believe are fair and reasonable. You will be in a position to ensure your funds are not being used unnecessarily and conserving funds for the things that really matter to your wellbeing.

Your choice of home care provider, and how you choose to manage your Home Care Package, are two important decisions that will help you to live independently and on your own terms. If you have a Home Care Package it is wise to consider self-managing your Package.
Is self-management right for you?

To successfully self-manage your Home Care Package you should, or have someone on your behalf, have the following abilities:

- Feel comfortable using a computer and have access to the internet.
- Be able to organise and communicate with carer and/or service providers.
- Feel comfortable managing money.

You are not alone if you choose to self-manage your Home Care Package.

It’s important to remember that even if you choose to self-manage your Home Care Package that you are never alone. All Government approved Providers are required to offer you ongoing support as needed. There may be charges applied depending on how much support you require from your provider.

Providers will assist their self-managed clients with the following:

- Educating on how self-management works.
- An initial Care Plan after an Assessment of your situation as well as ongoing reviews.
- Ideas on what and where to find a wide variety of care services and products available to you.
- Providing resources to assist you in managing your package more autonomously.
- Paying invoices directly or reimbursing from your Home Care Package funds.
- Guidance on what package funds can and cannot be used for.

How to find a Provider which offers Self-Management:

Self-management is an increasingly popular option for Home Care Package holders and as a result more and more providers are offering this option. As well there are Providers who only offer and specialise in self-management.

To find a provider with self-management go to Google to search.

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