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Australia's aged care system is made up of several programs with different services and eligibility requirements to meet a wide range of support needs for older people.

In addition to Support at Home, the Commonwealth aged care system also includes:

- **Residential aged care** which provides a range of care options and accommodation (including short-term and emergency care) in an approved residential aged care home for older people who cannot live independently in their own home. More information about [residential aged care](#) is on the department's website.
- **Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP)** which provides entry-level support for older people living at home. CHSP is not designed for people with intensive or complex care needs. People with higher needs are supported through the Support at Home program and residential aged care. More information on [CHSP](#), including reforms and the CHSP manual are on the department's website.
- **Transition Care Programme (TCP)** which provides short-term, goal oriented and therapy-focused care for older people following hospital stays. It can be offered in a person's home, a community setting or a residential aged care setting. More information on [TCP](#) is on the department's website.
- **Multi-Purpose Services (MPS) Program** which is a joint initiative of the Australian Government and state and territory governments. It provides integrated health and aged care services for small, rural and remote communities. More information on the [MPS Program](#) is on the department's website.
- **National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care (NATSIFAC) Program** which provides culturally appropriate aged care services to older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. These services are offered close to home and community and are mainly located in rural and remote areas. More information on the [NATSIFAC Program](#) is on the department's website.

More information on how the Support at Home program interacts with other programs and schemes is in Chapter [18.0](#).