



**Nurse Next Door®**  
*home care services*

## Home Care Packages Explained

**We believe you can stay at home and maintain the independence you deserve. To learn more call 1300 600 247.**

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### **How does my Home Care Package funding work if I choose Nurse Next Door?**

At **Nurse Next Door** our focus is on providing the best care for our clients and accordingly, we have made the decision to assign the Home Care Package administration to a nationally approved (under the Aged Care Act) provider who specialise in this area, called Local Guardians. This allows our clients to utilise funding from approved and allocated Home Care Packages for care with **Nurse Next Door** if they choose.

## What fees do Local Guardian charge?

Local Guardians offer a Home Care Package Management service, the fee for which is 20% of the monthly package value for the first 3 months, and then an ongoing 8% Administration fee, both drawn from the Home Care package funds.

*For example,*

*Level 4 Home Care Package Total Value Annual \$52,377 (Monthly \$4,364)*

*Local Guardian Fees Month 1 to 3 = 20% of \$4364 = \$872 per month*

*Local Guardian Fees Month 4 ongoing = 8% of \$4364 = \$349 per month*

As you would be aware, if you have spoken with other approved providers, typical package administration and case management fees can range from 15-20% of funds available. At **Nurse Next Door** we want you to have the maximum use of your funds for care, rather than administration fees, which is why we have partnered with Local Guardians.

In addition to the setup and ongoing Administration fees, you may be required, by the government, to pay an Income Tested fee towards your care, as prescribed by The Aged Care Act 1997 (Cth) and the Aged Care Principle ("Act"). An HCP recipient who is on a full pension will not be required to pay any additional fees. For further information and assessment please refer to [Centrelink's Home Care Package Calculation page](#).

As part of this service, Local Guardians provide a template for developing a Care Plan, budgeting of package funds and guidelines for approving invoices for care received, making it quite a simple procedure.

**Nurse Next Door** will work through all of this with you. Once approved, invoice payments to **Nurse Next Door** are made by Local Guardians from the approved funding package.

**Local Guardians provide the Home Care Package administration, leaving Nurse Next Door to focus on providing the best care possible for our clients**

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## What other fees may be charged?

The HCP recipient (or their support team), have the option to manage the use of funds in the package or, if they feel more comfortable having someone else case manage the budget and approve invoice payments with Local Guardians, **Nurse Next Door** is able to arrange this on your behalf.

If the funds are to be used exclusively for care provided by **Nurse Next Door**, there is no charge for this service, however should a client wish to utilise other Allied Health professionals and/or other services (e.g. gardening) under the approved package, **Nurse Next Door** charges a Case Management fee of 9%.