

Financial Help

Having an illness, nearly always involves unexpected expenses. This can cause extra worry at a time when you least need it. Palliative care services are normally funded by the government. However, there may be costs you need to consider.

Talk to your Doctor about any charges and any costs associated with home visits.

Medications are normally paid for by the person but talk to your Doctor about the availability of PBS items. Also speak to your Doctor about how to get Medicare rebates.

If you have health insurance check to see if they will cover any costs.

If you must hire equipment for the home talk with your Community Nurse as there may be programs that will be able to help with the costs of this.

There are also programs to assist with travel costs, including local organisations such as Can Assist that may be able to help.

The Department of Human Services has a number of supports that you may be able to access depending on your circumstances. This includes financial assistance for carers and financial assistance for the person needing care. There are also differences in payment rates and conditions between the Carer Payment and the Aged Pension.

A power of attorney for financial decisions needs to be attended and this will ensure that money can continue to be managed.

Helpful Resources are:

- Department of Human Resources
- My Aged Care – (included in folder)
- palliAGED
- Superannuation or Insurance company
- Local organisations such as Can Assist, Intereach, Pinnacle and Baptist Care are some organisations

(See Community Directory for Local contact numbers to find out more information)