

## High Care Facilities (formerly nursing homes)

**High Care Facilities (HCFs) provide 24-hour residential care to people with high and complex care needs and who are no longer able to manage at home. Services are subsidised by the government and include qualified nursing care.**

### **WHO RUNS HCFs?**

- churches and charitable organisations
- State and local government
- private enterprise operators

### **ADMISSION TO HCFs**

Eligibility and level of care required must be assessed by the Aged Care Assessment Service (ACAS) in your region. Contact may be established by yourself, a friend, or family, or through referral by a GP or hospital.

### **WHAT IS THE COST?**

#### **Daily care fees**

Full and part pensioners pay the basic daily care fee of \$30.77 per day (indexed). If you are a part pensioner, you may also be charged an income-tested care fee of up to \$23.70 per day. The maximum amount would apply to a person with an income of about \$37,835 per year, or a couple with a private income of \$74,942 per year, combined. A non-pensioner may pay a basic daily care fee of up to \$38.35 plus an income tested care fee of up to \$53.96 per day.

*A small number of Victorian high care facilities are “extra service”. The fees they charge and the services provided are negotiated on entry, and there is no ceiling on the cost.*

#### **Accommodation charge**

You may be asked to pay, depending on your assets\*, an annual accommodation charge. The accommodation charge is indexed according to your assets with the maximum charge for new residents, being \$17.13 per day.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information can be found by contacting Aged and Community Care Information on 1800 500 853 or National Aged Care Advocacy Line on 1800 700 600.

### **STANDARDS OF CARE**

Standards for care and buildings are set by the Commonwealth Government and assessed by the Aged Care Standards Agency.

\* **Note:** The family home will not be deemed an asset if a spouse or dependent child is still living there or a carer (eligible for pension or benefit) has been living in the home for at least 2 years.