



## Fact Sheet – Commonwealth Continuity of Support Programme Specialist disability services for people aged 65 years and over

### What is the Continuity of Support Programme?

Continuity of support is the way that people with disability who are not eligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will continue to be supported as the NDIS is rolled out across Australia.

For people aged 65 years and over, support will be provided through the Commonwealth Continuity of Support (CoS) Programme or through an existing programme like the Commonwealth Home Support Programme if you prefer and that better suits your support needs.

The aim of the COS programme is a smooth transition of funding, so that you will be able to continue to receive services without disruption, as it is anticipated that your services will not change.

### Am I eligible?

The CoS Programme will support people with disability who are:

- 65 years and over or 50 years and over for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, at the time the NDIS commences implementation in their region;
- assessed as being ineligible for the NDIS at the time the NDIS commences implementation in their region; and
- an existing client of state-administered specialist disability services.

### What will happen next?

You do not need to do anything to register for the CoS Programme.

The Commonwealth and the Western Australian Governments are working together to make sure the transition is smooth, and that there is no or minimal disruption to your current services.

Transition to the CoS Programme will commence in Western Australia from 1 July 2019.

### Where can I get more information?

You may wish to speak to your service provider/s or your Local Coordinator. You can also visit [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au) and search for 'Continuity of Support' to find regularly updated information.