

Media release

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IHACPA calls on the aged care sector to help develop its residential aged care pricing advice

The Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority (IHACPA) has released the <u>Consultation Paper on the Pricing Framework for Australian Residential Aged Care Services</u> <u>2026–27</u>.

This year's consultation covers key areas such as IHACPA's cost collections, IHACPA's assessment of the Multi-Purpose Services Program (MPSP) and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program (NATSIFACP) funding models, residential aged care supplements, and required hotel services.

'We encourage everyone with an interest in aged care to share their experience and views on residential aged care as part of this consultation,' said IHACPA's Chair Mr David Tune AO PSM.

'Feedback from our stakeholders is crucial to help inform our pricing and costing advice to the Australian Government. It means we can reflect the cost of delivering care to meet the needs of older Australians and the aged care sector,' said Mr Tune.

To help ensure all areas of residential aged care are represented in this work, IHACPA is particularly interested in hearing from:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- providers in regional, rural and remote areas
- people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- MPSP providers
- NATSIFACP providers
- residents and their families, carers and people representing those utilising residential aged care.

The pricing framework outlines IHACPA's approach to developing pricing and costing advice for residential aged care and residential respite care services. The pricing framework ensures IHACPA's pricing advice is based on evidence and data.

The public consultation is open until 5pm AEST Friday 22 August 2025.

To view the consultation paper and make a submission, visit IHACPA's Engagement Hub.

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