

# Support at Home (SAH) Transition Guide

## Summary of actions providers should take now before 1 July 2025

This is a condensed transition guide for HCP providers with actions mainly associated with software & IT system preparations. Please conduct your own research to ensure you cover all aspects of the transition to meet your new SAH provider obligations.



MILESTONES & PREPARATIONS FROM NOW UNTIL 30 JUNE 2025	INFORMATION FROM e-TOOLS SOFTWARE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand the SAH program services &amp; requirements, incl: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAH service list details, Assistive Technology &amp; Home Modifications Scheme, Restorative Care funding &amp; End-of-Life funding</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Access the Department's 'Support at Home service list' &amp; 'Support at Home program provider transition guide'.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare processes to deliver services to align with new regulatory model.</li> <li><b>Assess the impacts of SAH on your business model &amp; start identifying:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>services to provide to align with service list (14 funding classifications)</li> <li>pricing for services you will provide</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Access the Department's 'Claims and Payments Business Rules Guidance' to ensure you have a thorough understanding of the new rules.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Prepare IT, software, financial &amp; reporting processes for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>claiming against care management funds</li> <li>monitoring participants' budget &amp; expenditure to prevent overspend</li> <li>financial reporting</li> <li>collecting participant contribution payments</li> <li>transfer of data to Services Aus. to submit itemised invoices</li> <li>quality &amp; safety reporting</li> </ul> </li> <li>Inform HCP recipients of the following changes under SAH: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>confirmation of SAH budget, consumer contributions, budget management, possibility of reassessment, unspent funds available &amp; eligibility for special rates &amp; supplements</li> <li>services they are eligible for &amp; services you will no longer offer</li> <li>care management funding changes</li> <li>self-management availability &amp; obligations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>e-Tools eSAH software will ensure providers <b>manage new compliance obligations</b> for reporting &amp; claiming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>advanced budget control</li> <li>efficient management of funding categories aligned with SAH service list, incl. Assistive Technology &amp; Home Modifications Scheme, Restorative Care &amp; End-of-Life</li> <li>automated tracking to ensure compliance with funding caps, preventing overpayments</li> <li>direct integration with Services Australia (PRODA)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand registration obligations &amp; conditions. Register for categories, confirm service delivery branches, link participants to enable payments from 1 July 2025.</li> </ul>	<p>Access the Department's 'How the new aged care regulatory model will work' document.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Prepare data &amp; finalise balances for data migration:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalise End of Month (EOM) workflow process &amp; reconcile Services Aus. statements against claims data. Create EOM report.</li> <li>Close EOM &amp; reconcile EOM with Services Aus.</li> <li>Prepare final balances for each HCP recipient, incl. unspent funds.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>e-Tools HCP (eHCP) software users have access to <b>step-by-step EOM workflow process</b> to complete this step.</p> <p><b>Data migration to eSAH</b> will be based on a priority system &amp; data readiness.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue final stages of data preparation. <b>Early release of eSAH software allows providers to become familiar with the new setup.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>eSAH software demo version launches late April 2025. Data migration begins.</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine workforce requirements to deliver services &amp; ensure workforce has the required qualifications &amp; has completed relevant training.</li> </ul>	<p>e-Tools Staff Records Management (eSRM) software is essential to help you manage &amp; track staff records for compliance.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure transition activities extend to associated providers (third-party or sub-contracted), which may require review of contracts.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Prepare new service agreements</b>, reflecting changes to services, changes to pricing (incl. care management fees) plus prices of all services for full transparency.</li> </ul>	<p><b>eSAH software will include service agreements</b>, based on advice from the Department &amp; our legal partner Russell Kennedy Lawyers.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Implement a complaints management system</b> for participants, in line with your obligations under the Aged Care Act.</li> </ul>	<p>e-Tools eConsumer Mobile App has a feedback tool, allows participant &amp; family engagement &amp; provides easy access to monthly statements.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Software to be ready for 1 July 2025 transition.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>eSAH software will be released by 1 July 2025.</b> Data migration continues.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>From 1 July 2025, complete financial reporting</b> incl. Quarterly Financial Report &amp; Aged Care Financial Report, plus update service information to align with SAH service list.</li> </ul>	<p>eSAH software will offer advanced reporting for <b>ongoing financial reporting obligations</b>.</p>