



Ridleyton Greek Home for the Aged (Reg)

NOTICE OF THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS APPLYING IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FROM 1ST JULY 2014

Dear transferring resident

On the 1st July 2014 the Commonwealth Government made significant changes to the user charging system for residential aged care (the new arrangements). This included replacing income tested fees with means tested care fees and accommodation bonds and charges with accommodation payments and contributions. Enclosed is the Commonwealth Government brochure “New Arrangements for Aged Care—from 1 July 2014”, which provides information on the new arrangements.

As you were a permanent resident in a Commonwealth funded residential aged care service on 30th June 2014, subject to you transferring to your new residential aged care home within 28 days of leaving your current residential aged care home, the legislation that applied on 30th June 2014 will continue to apply to you in your new residential aged care home (the existing arrangements). This includes the rules governing the fees and charges you may be required to pay during your residency in Ridleyton Greek Home for the Aged (RGHA).

Prior to been admitted to RGHA, you may elect in writing to have the new arrangements apply to you rather than continue with the existing arrangements. You may only choose to have the new arrangements apply before you move to your new residential aged care home. Once you have been admitted to RGHA, the existing arrangements will continue to apply unless prior to admission you elect in writing to move to the new arrangements. Should you choose to be covered by the new arrangements, then you may not at a future date return to the existing arrangements.

In the event you elect to be covered by new arrangements there may be changes to the fees and payments you are required to pay in your new residential aged care home. The new resident fees and payments arrangements are covered in chapter 3A of the *Aged Care Act 1997* and the *Fees and Payments Principles 2014*. Existing resident fees and charges arrangements are covered under the *Aged Care (Transitional Provisions) Act 1997*. Our admissions staff would be pleased to explain the fees and payments that apply under both the new and existing arrangements and should you elect to move to the new arrangements, provide you with the required Commonwealth Government form indicating this is your choice.

Yours sincerely

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