

Federal Election Scorecard 2022

Political party: The Australian Labor Party

Aged Care Request

1. **Malnutrition to be included in the National Aged Care Mandatory Quality Indicator Program for both residential and in-home aged care. The framework for screening of malnutrition risk must include:**
 - a. **Initial and ongoing training of all care staff and support workers who provide in-home and residential aged care re: use of the validated malnutrition screening tool.**
 - b. **Prompt referral of all identified as being malnourished to an Accredited Practising Dietitian (APD) for nutrition intervention.**
 - c. **Minimum standards for the documentation of screening results and follow up.**

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	<p>X</p> <p>An Albanese Labor Government will act on the recommendations of the Aged Care Royal Commission by putting in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -New mandatory aged care food standards – to make sure aged care residents get real food, which is fresh, healthy, nutritious, tasty, and safe. The standards will respect cultural, 		

	<p>religious, and dietary requirements.</p> <p>-Mandatory reporting rules – to make sure the Basic Daily Fee paid to providers is used for care and nutrition. Public reporting of expenditure on care, nutrition, food, kitchen staff and more will be required. Labor will work with experts, including Dietitians Australia, providers, and aged care residents to develop practical aged care food standards, mandatory reporting rules and specific implementation arrangements</p>		
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2. Mandating, as a condition of receiving the Basic Daily Fee supplement, that every Residential Aged Care home undergoes an annual on-site Menu and Mealtime Quality Assessment performed by an Accredited Practising Dietitian.

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Mental Health

3. **Creation of Medicare Benefit Scheme (MBS) items relating to depression, other mood disorders and severe mental illness, to include:**
 - a. **Introduction of long and short MBS items for Accredited Practising Dietitians for individual and group consultations, in person and via telehealth.**
 - b. **Immediate referral to Accredited Practising Dietitians for people who are prescribed antipsychotics and other psychotropic medications where there are known metabolic side effects.**

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Disability

4. **Accredited Practising Dietitians to be included in teams for autism, pervasive developmental disorder and disability (M10), including:**
 - a. **a unique 820** number for the dietary assessment and treatment of people with disability.**
 - b. **inclusion in list of eligible professions for multidisciplinary case conferences.**

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		Allied Health has an important role in the strengthening of healthcare. We know that care is enhanced when allied health professionals are included in a teams-based approach to care. Over the next few weeks, Labor will be making more announcements as part of our commitment to strengthen Medicare, including policies with a direct impact on allied health professionals.	

Policy

5. Develop a National Nutrition Strategy and a National Nutrition Implementation Action Plan.

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	Labor will work with experts, including Dietitians Australia, and other stakeholders to consider Australian Government Nutrition strategies, policies and actions.		