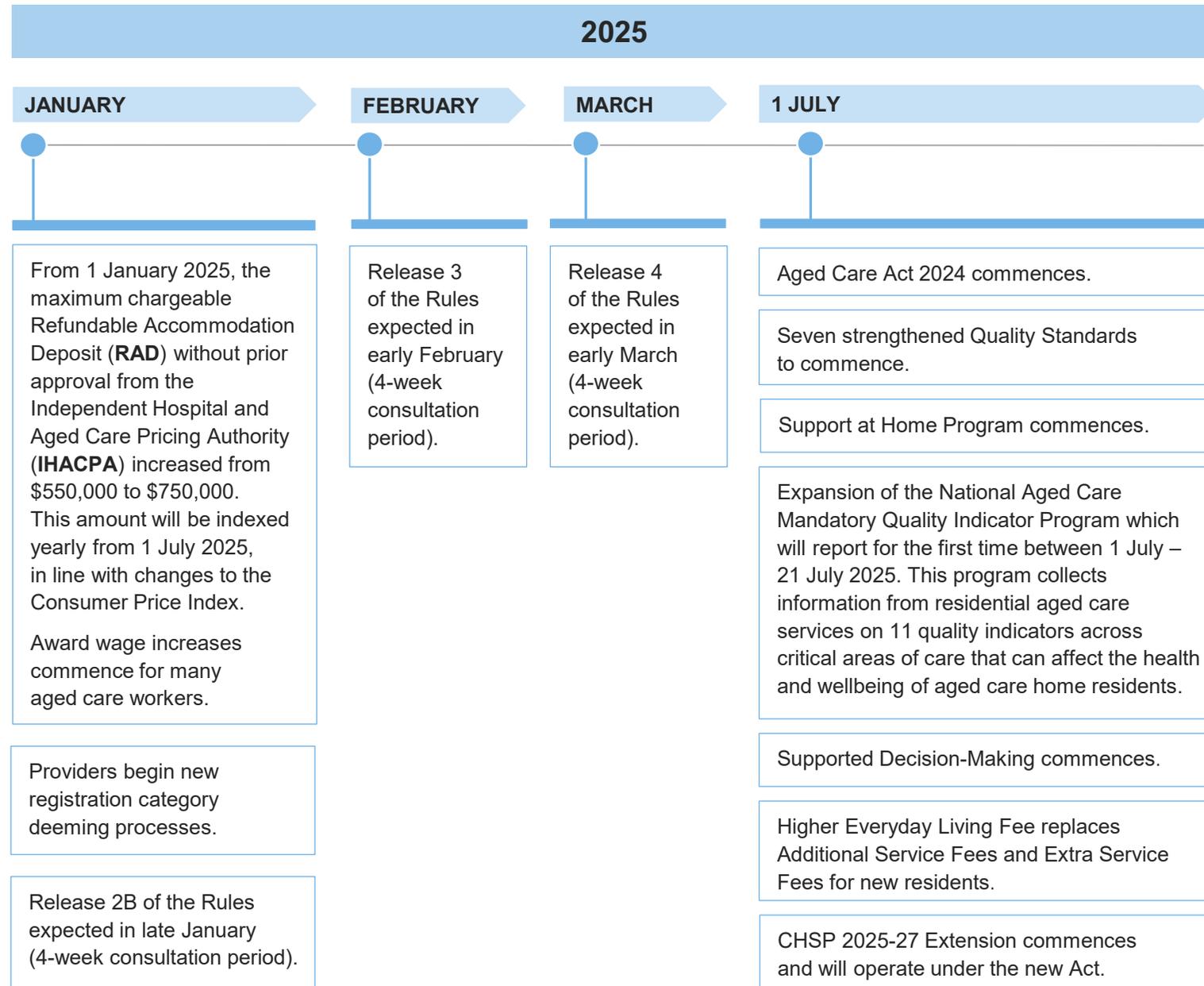


Next steps in the 2025 aged care reform journey



2026 AND BEYOND

Our expectations for the future of the aged care sector

By 2045, the population of Australians over 70 is expected to reach 5.5 million, necessitating more specialised and long-term aged care service.

Workforce shortages will likely increase and be intensified by the shift to a consumer-centric model of care which requires workers to be more qualified.

The sector will undergo transformation toward increased outsourcing to associated service providers, fostering a more competitive landscape.

The sector will likely face changing capital needs, including a shift towards greater investment in home care.

We expect the ACQSC will continue its increasing regulatory involvement.

We expect that M&A activity will continue to increase, yet this will occur amid the limitations imposed by a tighter regulatory framework.