

28 April 2019

AGED CARE INDUSTRY WELCOMES ALP DENTAL HEALTH PLAN

Aged & Community Services Australia (ACSA) has welcomed Labor’s pensioner dental plan as a good investment that will improve quality of life for older Australians and help reduce the incidence of other more serious medical issues that can come from poor oral health.

“Oral and dental issues have become some of the most pressing health issues for older people as we live longer. Aged care residents in particular have many problems accessing dental services,” Patricia Sparrow, CEO of ACSA said.

“Labor’s oral health package is a great step forward to address access issues. It will be important to make sure it is implemented in a way that older people aren’t disadvantaged based on where they live.

“If we can improve access to oral health services then we will not only greatly improve the quality of life for older people but also reduce the incidence of other more serious medical issues that can develop out of oral and dental issues.

“ACSA has been pushing for action on oral and dental issues for older people over many years now. This is a positive policy response that can be built upon in the next parliament,” Ms Sparrow said.

Media contact: Peter Stahel 0408 584 439