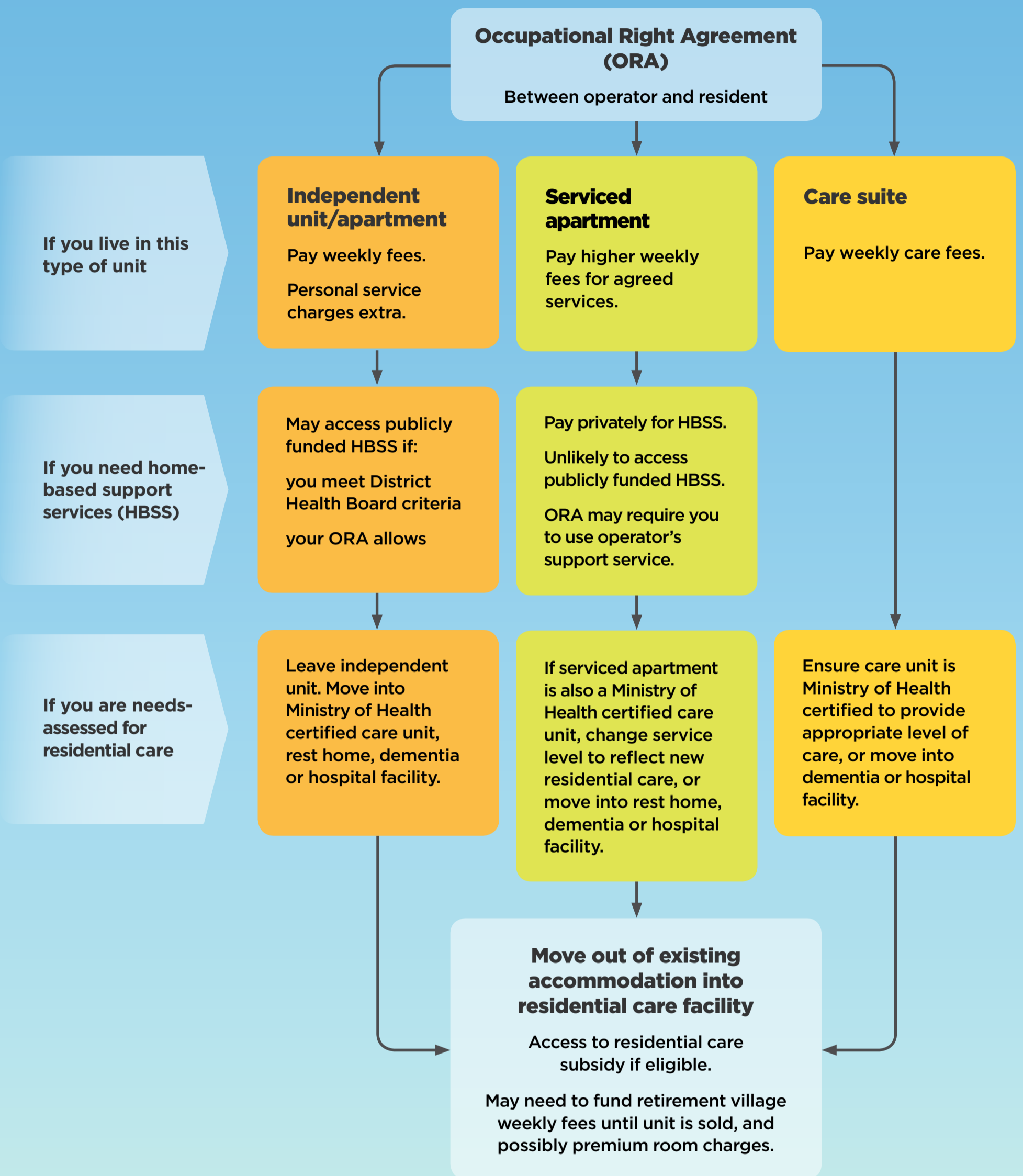


Pathways to care for retirement village residents



Tips: Thinking about the cost of care later on

- Consider your ageing in place options. If you can afford to stay in your home, or downsize in another private home, you might generate greater long-term capital to supplement publicly-funded support with privately-funded care in your home.
- Residential care and retirement villages are different. The purchase into a retirement village is a lifestyle choice. Residential care is for people with high dependency needs who have been needs-assessed by a District Health Board assessment team. Residents can make private arrangements if they do not require public funding.
- Check what levels of residential care are available at a village. Not all villages have care facilities co-located on site.
- If you are eligible for a residential care subsidy in a long-term care facility within a retirement village, the subsidy is unlikely to meet all of the costs.
- Many care rooms offered by retirement village operators are premium level rooms. Premium room fees apply. There is no public funding for premium room fees. If you are eligible for a Residential Care Subsidy, you still cover the cost of premium room fees privately.
- Discuss possible care needs with family and whomever you appoint as your attorney before you become a retirement village resident.

Further information about the cost of care

- seniorline.org.nz
- 0800 725 463
- Work and Income residential subsidy unit
- 0800 999 727
- eldernet.co.nz
- ageconcern.org.nz
- findaresthome.co.nz

