

**LEADING AGE SERVICES AUSTRALIA**  
The voice of aged care

Essential Finance  
Workshop Series

**AGED CARE FUNDING INSTRUMENT (ACFI)  
MASTERCLASS**

Full comprehensive update and strategies to manage the changes to ACFI that take effect July and January 2017. Informing and supporting staff to understand the 12 ACFI questions and ethically optimise funding for your organisation.

Date: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2016  
Time: 9:30am – 3:30pm  
Venue: LASA Melbourne, Level 11  
600 St Kilda Road, Melbourne, VIC 3004

Registration: \$ 300.00 Members  
\$ 400.00 Non-Members

Register on line at [www.lasavictoria.asn.au/education-training/workshops/](http://www.lasavictoria.asn.au/education-training/workshops/)

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## Bags of money in aged care

Residential aged care is big business. The Aged Care Financing Authority estimates the sector requires an investment of \$31 billion over the next decade. Most of this will come from the private sector (*The Age*, 29/7). The bipartisan “Living longer living better” reforms have decreased regulation in aged-care homes. Vulnerable older people are now “consumers” in a market-based system. Deregulation serves the interests of providers, not residents. Paradoxically, private providers of aged-care homes lobby for a decrease in regulation and an increase in government subsidies. Leading Age Services Australia, the peak body representing private providers, is using images of “money bags” to promote their funding workshops to optimise government subsidies. This ad suggests that profits trump residents’ care. Recent calls for camera surveillance in aged-care homes divert the focus away from the need for systemic change. The care of vulnerable older Australians is too important to be traded on the market like any other commodity. **Sarah Russell, Northcote**