

UNDERSTANDING AND USING YOUR NDIS PLAN

Can I buy it with my NDIS funding?

If you're able to answer "yes" to each of the following questions, then the item/service is likely to be within your NDIS plan & goals.

- Is it related to my disability? Yes No
- Will the item help me reach the goals in my NDIS plan? Yes No
- Is it reasonably priced and good value? Yes No
- Do I have enough funds in my support budget (to last for the length of your plan)? Yes No
- Will it help me connect with my community, improve the relationships I have with family and friends, or help me find or keep a job? Yes No
- Is it something that should be funded by NDIS, and not by other government services? i.e. Health, Education, Housing Yes No
- Is it safe and legal? (It won't cause harm, or put me or others at risk) Yes No

IF it is an ITEM (not a service) answer these additional questions

Do I have enough CORE funding in my plan?

- You'll need core funding to pay for the item Yes No
- Is the item considered low cost/low risk?
(refer to the Assistive Technology Guide level 1 & 2) Yes No
- Does the item cost less than \$1500?
(if it's **NO**- you will need to go through an Assistive Technology process,
refer to the Assistive Technology Guide level 3 & 4) Yes No
- Is it an every day item that anyone would buy? Yes No
(If yes, we recommend you seek a written recommendation from an allied
health specialist)
- I have attached a copy of a report from my allied health specialist: Yes No
(eg Occupational Therapist, Speech Pathologist, Physiotherapist)

Who can help me make these decisions?

- Your LAC
- Allied Health therapists
- Your peers and networks
- Your Plan Manager (if funded)
- Your Support Coordinator (if funded)

Acknowledgement

I, _____, acknowledge that I am responsible for the decision making when it comes to purchasing supports through my NDIS plan. I confirm that I am using my funding to purchase a _____ and can confirm it is in line with my plan and goals.

- I confirm that I understand that if the NDIS deem this item NOT necessary and reasonable than I am liable to repay the funds.

Signed: _____

Date:

National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013

Section 34 Reasonable and necessary supports

For the purposes of specifying, in a statement of participant supports, the general supports that will be provided, and the reasonable and necessary supports that will be funded, the CEO must be satisfied of all of the following in relation to the funding or provision of each such support:

- (a) the support will assist the participant to pursue the goals, objectives and aspirations included in the participant's statement of goals and aspirations;
- (b) the support will assist the participant to undertake activities, so as to facilitate the participant's social and economic participation;
- (c) the support represents value for money in that the costs of the support are reasonable, relative to both the benefits achieved and the cost of alternative support;
- (d) the support will be, or is likely to be, effective and beneficial for the participant, having regard to current good practice;
- (e) the funding or provision of the support takes account of what it is reasonable to expect families, carers, informal networks and the community to provide;
- (f) the support is most appropriately funded or provided through the National Disability Insurance Scheme, and is not more appropriately funded or provided through other general systems of service delivery or support services offered by a person, agency or body, or systems of service delivery or support services offered:
 - (i) as part of a universal service obligation; or
 - (ii) in accordance with reasonable adjustments required under a law dealing with discrimination on the basis of disability;
- (g) the support is not prescribed by the National Disability Insurance Scheme rules as a support that will not be funded or provided under the National Disability Insurance Scheme;
- (h) the funding of the support complies with the methods or criteria (if any) prescribed by the National Disability Insurance Scheme rules for deciding the reasonable and necessary supports that will be funded under the National Disability Insurance Scheme.