

Equipment to keep you safe

Buying what you need

Easy Read version



How to use this fact sheet



The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) wrote this fact sheet. When you see the word 'we', it means the NDIA.



We wrote this fact sheet in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Bold

Not bold

We have written some words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



We explain what these words mean.

There is a list of these words on page 12.



You can ask for help to read this fact sheet.

A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

More support from the NDIS



Coronavirus is affecting many people around Australia.



We are making sure NDIS **participants** get the support they need during this time.



Participants are people with disability who take part in the NDIS.



NDIS funding is the money from your plan that pays for the supports and services you need.



We are changing how your funding works.



But we are only changing it for:

- some participants
- a short time.



What is changing?

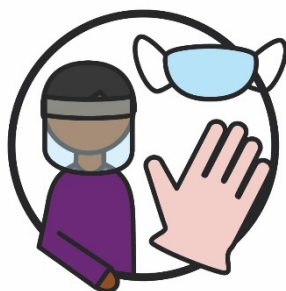


We want to make sure participants who live in parts of Australia still affected by coronavirus are safe.



These participants need to buy **personal protective equipment (PPE)** to keep themselves safe.

PPE includes things like:



- face masks
- face shields
- gloves.



Some participants need PPE when they get the supports and services in their plan.



You can use your funding to buy PPE if you live in:

- Victoria
- New South Wales.

But you can only use your funding to buy PPE if:



- your support workers help you live your daily life



7 hours



- you work face-to-face with support workers for more than 7 hours a week.



You should buy the PPE that you really need.



But your funding won't pay for PPE you need:

- at other times
- when you leave your home.



Your funding won't pay for hand sanitiser.



We will tell you when anything changes.

Where does the funding for PPE come from?



Core budget

The funding for PPE comes from your **Core Supports** budget.



Your Core Supports are the supports and services you need and use the most.



If you **self-manage** your plan, you:

- manage all or part of your NDIS funding
- choose what supports you use to reach your goals.



If you self-manage your plan, you can buy PPE from anywhere.



If your plan is **plan-managed**, you pay someone to look after your funding.



You can claim the cost in the same way you claim for other supports and services if your plan is:

- self-managed
- plan-managed.



If your plan is **NDIA-managed**, you use registered providers and the NDIA pays them.



You must buy PPE from **registered providers** if your plan is NDIA-managed.



A registered provider:

- can offer supports and services to participants
- is on a list that we look after at the NDIA.



You should talk to your providers about the PPE your support workers need.



Your providers need to talk to you before they use your NDIS funding for PPE.

More information

For more information, please contact us.



www.ndis.gov.au



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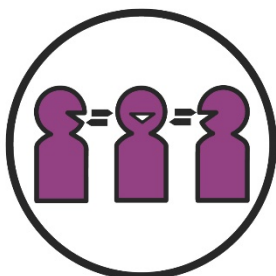


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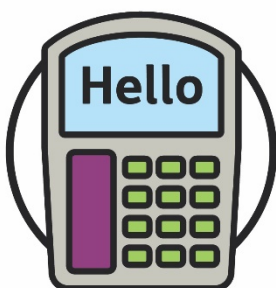
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Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS)

131 450

If you have a speech or hearing impairment,
you can call:



TTY

1800 555 677



Speak and Listen

1800 555 727



National Relay Service

133 677

www.relayservice.gov.au

Word list



Core Supports

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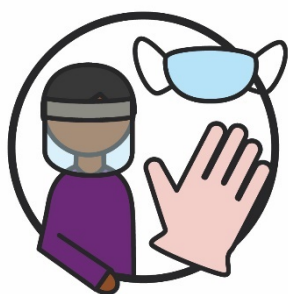
NDIA-managed

If your plan is NDIA-managed, you use registered providers and the NDIA pays them.



NDIS funding

NDIS funding is the money from your plan that pays for the supports and services you need.



Personal protective equipment (PPE)

PPE includes things like:

- face masks
- face shields
- gloves.



Plan-managed

If your plan is plan-managed, you pay someone to look after your funding.

Registered provider



A registered provider:

- can offer supports and services to participants
- is on a list that we look after at the NDIA.

Self-manage



If you self-manage your plan, you:

- manage all or part of your funding
- choose what supports you use to reach your goals.



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