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2 **Total Payments and Participants for Motor Neuron Disease**

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Exercise Physiology

Support Item Number	Support Item Description	Total Payments	Number of participants
12_027_0126_3_3	Advice provided by an Exercise Physiologist regarding exercise required	\$45,734	14
12_027_0128_3_3	Advice provided by an Exercise Physiologist regarding exercise required	n/a	<11
15_200_0126_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - Exercise Physiologist	\$657,554	181
15_200_0128_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - Exercise Physiologist	\$280,535	104
15_609_0118_1_3	Early Childhood Intervention Professional - Exercise Physiologist	n/a	<11
Total	Total	\$991,162	223

Exercise Physiotherapy

Support Item Number	Support Item Description	Total Payments	Number of participants
01_721_0128_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training Supports - Physiotherapist	\$85,577	37
15_003_0118_1_3	Early Childhood Intervention Professional - Physiotherapist	\$18,066	15
15_055_0128_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - Physiotherapist	\$5,547,506	1,033
Total	Total	\$5,651,149	1,035



Supports that are 'NDIS supports'

There are 37 categories of goods and services that are 'NDIS supports'.

NDIS supports are the services, items and equipment that can be funded by the NDIS.

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Accommodation assistance or tenancy assistance

Supports that build capacity, guide, prompt, or assist a participant to do activities for finding or keeping appropriate accommodation.

This includes:

- supports that help a participant apply for a rental tenancy or to take part in tenancy obligations in line with their tenancy agreement
- medium term accommodation where a participant cannot move into long term accommodation due to that accommodation or other supports not being ready and current accommodation is not suitable.

Assistance animals

Support provided by an eligible assistance animal.

This includes:

- assessment, matching and provision of an eligible assistance animal
- dietary needs
- grooming
- veterinary services including flea and worm treatments, medication, and vaccinations
- yearly reviews to maintain accreditation.

Assistance in coordinating or managing life stages, transitions and supports

Supports provided on a short-term basis that provide assistance to manage life transitions.

This includes:

- transition from or to new educational settings or employment settings
- transition to new living arrangements
- support before and immediately following hospital discharge where there has been a change to a disability participant's support needs prior to hospitalisation
- transition out of a mental health setting
- transition out of a custodial setting.

Assistance to access and maintain employment or higher education

Supports that build a participant's capacity to successfully prepare for, find or keep employment in the open labour market (including self-employment and micro-enterprise) or the supported labour market.

This includes:

- employment preparation complementary to that delivered while at school and when leaving school
- assistance for a participant to transition to employment
- further education and training.

Assistance with daily life tasks in a group or shared living arrangement

Supports that provide assistance with or supervision of daily living tasks to participants in a shared living environment.

This includes:

- supports provided on a temporary or ongoing basis
- supports for short term accommodation and respite
- supports provided to participants living in residential aged care facilities.

Assistance with travel or transport arrangements

Supports that provide transport assistance to participants that cannot travel or use public transport independently.

This includes:

- transport for the purposes of participants undertaking community-based activities
- transport for the purposes of participants attending school or other educational facilities
- provider travel costs
- costs associated with the use of taxis or private transport
- in-kind specialist school support
- travel training to build a participant's confidence and skills to use public transport safely and independently.

Assistive equipment for recreation

The provision of assistive products used in sports or other recreational activities.

This includes:

- personal recreation equipment modification and sporting equipment modification
- services to assess and prescribe, deliver, adjust and train a participant in successful use of an assistive product
- maintenance, spare parts and consumable items specific to an assistive product.

Assistive products for household tasks

The provision of assistive products that support a participant to carry out domestic and everyday actions and tasks within a participant's home.

This includes:

- assistive products for the preparation of food and drink
- assistive products to facilitate house cleaning, gardening or laundry
- additional costs to upgrade or modify standard household items to household items that include accessibility features that address a participant's support needs
- services to assess and prescribe, deliver, adjust and train a participant in the successful use of an assistive product
- maintenance, spare parts and consumable items specific to an assistive product.

Assistive products for personal care and safety

Provision of assistive products for self-care activities and participation in self-care.

This includes:

- modified foods including for the purposes of percutaneous endoscopic gastronomy (PEG) feeding
- products to facilitate washing and drying the participant's body, caring for the participant's body and body parts, dressing and protecting the participant's body
- modified or adaptive clothing
- modified or adaptive products to manage menstruation including applicators and period underwear
- products to manage incontinence
- furniture and other products that are adapted or specifically made to be placed in or added to a participant's home (including indoor and outdoor areas) to help with movement, positioning and other safety needs, including entry and exit of the environment
- services to assess and prescribe, deliver, adjust and train a participant in the successful use of an assistive product
- maintenance, spare parts and consumable items specific to an assistive product
- visual and tactile alerting systems.

Communication and information equipment

The provision of assistive products to support communication and information management.

This includes:

- products that help a participant to receive, send, produce and/or process information in different forms
- products that facilitate a participant communicating by language, signs and symbols, receiving and producing messages, having conversations and using communication devices and techniques
- services to assess and prescribe, deliver, adjust and train a participant in the successful use of an assistive product
- maintenance, spare parts and consumable items specific to an assistive product.

Community nursing care

Supports that provide disability-related nursing care for participants with high care needs (not including high intensity daily personal activities), requiring a high level of clinical skill.

This includes:

- catheter care
- skin integrity checks
- tracheostomy care
- medication management
- intramuscular injections
- training of support workers to respond to a participant's complex needs.

Customised prosthetics (includes Orthotics)

Assistive products externally applied to replace, wholly or in part an absent or deficient body segment which assists participant control and functioning of their neuromuscular skeletal systems. This includes:

- design, manufacture and fit of customised functional prosthetics and orthotics
- assessment and specification (prescription) of a product by a professionally qualified prosthetist, orthotist, pedorthotist, podiatrist, or occupational therapist trained in provision of that product
- osseo-integrated, external products
- services to train a participant in successful use of an assistive product
- maintenance, spare parts and consumable items specific to an assistive product.

Daily personal activities

Supports that provide supervision or assistance with personal daily living tasks to help a participant to live as independently as possible in their own home and in the community.

This includes:

- assistance with eating and drinking, dressing and toileting
- maintaining personal hygiene, including showering, bathing, hair washing and drying, fingernail and toenail cutting and cleaning
- moving and positioning
- in-kind personal care in school.

Development of daily care and life skills

Supports that provide training and development activities for participants or carers to increase ability to live as independently as possible (including as part of psychosocial recovery supports).

This includes increasing the participant's ability to independently undertake the following activities:

- shopping
- meal preparation
- managing finances
- managing a participant's own personal care
- travel and use public transport
- engage in social activities
- improve relationship and social skills.

Disability-related health supports

Health supports that relate to the functional impact of a participant's disability.

This includes:

- supports, services and assistive products to manage dysphagia, diabetes, continence, wound and pressure care, respiration, nutrition, podiatry and foot care, and seizures
- supports for people with complex communication access needs or behaviours when accessing health or mental health services, including hospitals and in-patient facilities
- specialist allied health services and supports that facilitate enhanced functioning and community re-integration of people with recently acquired severe conditions including newly acquired spinal cord and severe acquired brain injury
- training support workers, family and friends to perform roles where appropriate.

Early intervention supports for early childhood

Supports that are evidence-based early childhood intervention supports for children 0-9 years (including children aged 0-6 with developmental delay) and their families to achieve better long-term outcomes for the child.

This includes:

- therapy provided by allied health professionals including speech pathologists and occupational therapists
- a key worker for a child's family.

Exercise physiology and personal well-being activities

Supports that maintain or increase physical mobility or well-being through personal training or exercise physiology to address the functional impact of the participant's disability.

This includes:

- accessing services from an appropriately qualified professional
- assessment and development of a personalised exercise program which aims to increase or maintain a participant's functional capacity
- maintenance of muscle strength, range of motion, balance and mobility.

Group and centre based activities

Supports for participants to access and participate in community, social, cultural and recreational activities that are provided in a group setting, either in the community or in a centre.

Hearing equipment

The provision of hearing equipment directly related to a participant's permanent hearing impairment that is not provided through the Hearing Services Program for the participant.

High intensity daily personal activities

Supports that assist a participant with complex needs to undertake high intensity daily personal activities.

These supports must be provided by a worker with additional qualifications and experience relevant to the participant's complex or psychosocial needs.

This includes:

- a suitably qualified worker undertaking the activities
- a suitably qualified worker supervising the participant or another person in the participant's support network undertaking the activities.

Home modification design and construction

Supports that design, change or modify a participant's home to help the participant live as independently as possible and to live safely at home.

This includes:

- installing equipment or changing a building's structure, fixture or fittings
- internal and external building modifications to remedy damage arising exclusively from disability-related behaviours or use of NDIS funded assistive technology or equipment
- regulatory certification requirements for works.

Household tasks

Supports that provide assistance with essential household tasks that a participant is not able to do themselves because of their disability.

This includes:

- meal preparation and delivery
- house or yard maintenance
- cleaning and laundry.

Innovative community participation

Supports that are tailored for individual participants with extraordinary support needs to assist them to participate in the community. Extraordinary support needs arise due to a participant's specific situational and personal circumstances.

Interpreting and translation

Supports that assist a participant with independent communication in personal, social, cultural or community activities where translation and interpretation is needed as a result of their disability.

Management of funding for supports

Supports provided by a registered plan management provider to manage the funding of supports under a participant's plan.

Participation in community, social and civic activities

Supports that assist a participant to take part in community, social, cultural and civic activities.

This includes:

- supporting participants during relevant activities
- working with participants to develop their ability to partake in these activities.

Personal mobility equipment

The provision of personal mobility equipment that supports or replaces a participant's capacity to move indoors and outdoors and to transfer from one place to another.

This includes:

- assistive products for walking
- wheelchairs and motorised mobility devices
- transfer devices and hoists
- services to train a participant in successful use of equipment provided
- maintenance, spare parts and consumable items specific to equipment provided.

Specialist positive behaviour support

Supports that are provided by professionals with specialist skills in positive behaviour support.

This includes:

- assessment, development and delivery of a comprehensive plan that aims to reduce and manage behaviours of concern
- training and ongoing monitoring of staff in implementation of a behaviour support plan
- training and capacity building for a participant's informal supports in the use of positive behaviour support
- development and delivery of interim or transitional plans.

Specialist disability accommodation (SDA)

The provision of specialist disability accommodation which is accommodation for a participant who requires specialist housing solutions, including to assist with the delivery of supports that cater for the person's extreme functional impairment or very high support needs.

Specialised driver training

Supports that provide driver training with a specialised vehicle driving instructor.
Supports that provide training on the use of adapted equipment or vehicle modifications.

Specialised hearing services

Specialist audiological services provided by an allied health professional for participants with complex needs.

This includes:

- assessing hearing impairment
- prescription of audiological aids and equipment.

Specialised supported employment

Supports that provide a participant with assistance to prepare for, find and retain a job in the participant's employment setting of choice.

Support coordination

Supports that assist participants to connect with informal community and funded supports (including as part of psychosocial recovery supports).

This includes:

- building a participant's capacity to connect with supports
- assisting participants to understand and utilise their plan
- connecting with providers and mainstream services
- addressing barriers and reducing complexity in the support environment.

Therapeutic supports

Supports that provide evidence-based therapy to help participants improve or maintain their functional capacity in areas such as language and communication, personal care, mobility and movement, interpersonal interactions, functioning (including psychosocial functioning) and community living.

This includes an assessment by health professionals for support planning and review as required.

Vehicle modifications

The provision of assistive products that can be added to vehicles or modifications made to vehicles that help a participant to operate, enter, exit or ride in the vehicle safely.

This includes:

- passenger and wheelchair hoists
- modified controls
- modified restraints and modified car seats
- certification costs for registration and additional vehicle insurance premium costs as a direct result of the modification
- services to assess and prescribe, deliver, adjust and train a participant in successful use of an assistive product or modification
- maintenance, spare parts and consumable items specific to an assistive product or modification.

This support does not include the purchase of a vehicle.

Vision equipment

The provision of products for navigation, orientation, braille, magnifiers and note taking equipment.

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Knowledge Article - Understand therapy supports

Description

This article provides guidance for all NDIA staff and partners to:

- understand therapy supports
- add funding for a new therapy support
- add funding when the participant has accessed therapy supports before
- ask for more or the right type of information
- understand when and how to request TAPIB advice
- understand any additional considerations
- support self-managed participants to make a claim for art or music therapy.

Note: this guidance is for participants aged 9 and older. To learn more about capacity building supports for children younger than 9, go to article [EC Early childhood intervention supports overview](#).

Recent updates

7 April 2026

Linked article name update

24 November 2025

Guidance updated to:

- change article name from Guide – Therapy supports
- link to Our Guideline – Therapy supports
- include content from, and retire, Guide – Therapy supports Appendix B
- remove link to, and retire, Guide – Therapy supports Appendix A
- let planner delegates know how to apply art and music therapy.

Before you start

You have read and understood:

- [Our Guideline – Therapy supports \(external\)](#)
- [Our Guideline – Mainstream and community supports \(external\)](#)
- [Our Guideline – Reasonable and necessary supports \(external\)](#)
- [Our Guideline – Principles we follow to create your plan \(external\)](#).

Understand therapy supports

Therapy supports are sometimes known as therapeutic supports. They are:

- to build or maintain the participant's skills and independence in their home or community, at school or their place of work
- evidence-based supports
- delivered by qualified [allied health professionals](#).

You can review the list of evidence-based therapy supports we can and can't fund and who can deliver them in [Our Guideline – Therapy supports](#).

Add funding for a new therapy support

This section is for planner delegates only

Review the information on the participant's record to decide whether to add funding for a new therapy support. This information could be an assessment or a letter from an allied health professional. It should give you details of:

- the requested therapy support. This includes the reason the participant needs it, the amount and how often they need
- how the therapy support will build or maintain the participant's skills and independence. This includes what the outcomes will be, how they'll be measured and how long it will take to achieve them
- how the therapy support will be best delivered, such as at home, in their community or a clinical setting. This includes how often and for how long they need it. This also includes how the therapist works with the participant's informal supports to build their skills and capability to implement these supports in different settings over the long term.

Note: if the information you have doesn't show how the therapy support will be delivered, you can talk to the participant about this. For example, is the therapy support best delivered individually or in group sessions, as intensive blocks of therapy at regular intervals or a particular therapy or combination of therapies over a certain time. It could also be delivered as part of a multidisciplinary team approach. Think about the participant's situation, their preferences and what is a reasonable and necessary support for them.

Add funding when the participant has accessed therapy supports before

This section is for planner delegates only

Review the information on the participant's record, which might have been collected and recorded at the reassessment check-in. The information could be:

- a summary of the supports provided
- a progress report
- a record of the conversation you, or their my NDIS contact, have had with the participant, like at a reassessment check-in.

Review the information to understand what therapy supports the participant has accessed and:

- how they've helped to improve their skills and independence
- how they've helped the participant pursue their goals
- any measurable gains they've achieved or barriers they've faced
- if they've linked in with any informal, community or mainstream supports to help them continue to build these skills at home or in their community.

This will help you decide whether or not you add funding for this type of therapy support in the participant's next plan. It will also help you decide whether you fund it at the same level or an increased level.

Learn more about [plan reassessment reports](#).

Ask for more or the right type of information

This section is for planner delegates only

There may be times when the information you have on the participant's record is incomplete or inconsistent. This means you can't make a decision to approve the requested support.

1. If there isn't enough, or the right type of information to make a decision, you can:

- review other types of evidence provided by the participant
- consider if you need to add funding to pay for more or different types of assessments or reports. Before you do this:
- think about the costs and benefits of the request and how it will help you decide whether or not to include funding for the therapy support
- think about the type of assessment that will likely produce the information you need
- make sure the request aligns with the general principles in the [NDIS Act 2013 \(external\)](#).

2. If you need to ask the participant to provide more information from their allied health professional, be clear about what you need. The information should include:

- how the therapy support will build or maintain the participant's skills and independence
- the functional area to be assessed for example, mobility and movement or language and communication
- how the participant's informal, mainstream and community supports will help them achieve their therapy goals
- how the outcomes will be measured and how long it will take to achieve these outcomes.

3. If you're still unsure whether you have enough or the right information to make a decision, talk to your line manager or ask a practice lead.
4. If you still can't resolve the query, follow the process to request Technical Advice and Practice Improvement Branch (TAPIB) advice. Go to [mandatory and non-mandatory advice requests](#).

Understand when and how to request TAPIB advice

This section is for planner delegates only

For some therapy supports, you **must** request mandatory TAPIB advice before you decide to include this in the participant's plan as a funded support. This includes all requests for art and music therapy. Learn more about supports that need mandatory TAPIB advice on the [Technical Advice and Practice Improvement Branch](#) confluence page.

You can also choose to request non-mandatory TAPIB advice. This could be for a query about funding for a specific therapy support.

For all TAPIB advice requests, you'll need to:

1. Create a **Technical Advice** case, using article [Create a technical advice case](#).
2. When advice is back from the TAPIB advisor in the **Technical Advice** case, review and action using article [Review and action returned technical advice case](#).

Understand any additional considerations

This section is for planner delegates only

As part of the usual planning process, you may need to think about the following general considerations. These include:

- Does the therapy support meet all the NDIS funding criteria, including that it's a support we can fund?
- Is the therapy support they've requested for capacity building or maintenance and how it will be delivered?
- Is there a specific reason why you'd need to add or edit plan comments? Before you do this, you **must** check guidance in article [Understand and check plan comments](#).

- How to apply funding to the first funding period. Learn more in articles [Apply custom distribution of funds in a budget update](#) or [Apply custom distribution of funds in a plan approval case](#).
- How to record justifications for approved or declined therapy supports using articles [Understand support justifications](#) and [Record a declined support](#). This will help you explain your decision.

Learn more about therapy supports in the [NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits \(external\)](#).

Case study – Arnold's story

Arnold is 10 years old and has Down Syndrome. He lives at home with his parents and wants to build his verbal communication and mobility skills.

Arnold's allied health providers recommend a multidisciplinary approach of capacity building therapy support funding as follows:

- 16 hours in total of occupational therapy to develop strategies to help him build his motor skills. This also includes building his parents' skills to practice these exercises and games at home.
- 12 hours in total of speech therapy to build his verbal communication using 1-2 word phrases. This includes support to build his parents' skills to implement these strategies at home.
- 7 hours in total of music therapy to build his verbal communication skills and use rhythm of the music to build his motor skills.
- Additional recommendations include \$300 of low cost assistive technology (AT) to develop communication supports, travel associated with delivery of supports in Arnold's natural environments and 10 hours of report writing.

As music therapy is a mandatory TAPIB referral, the planner delegate completes a request for mandatory advice and submits it to TAPIB. After a few days, the planner delegate receives the TAPIB advice. TAPIB advises that music therapy is a duplicate of other supports. The therapy goals identified by the music therapist are already included in his other allied health supports.

Based on this advice, Arnold's planner delegate approves funding for 36 hours of therapy supports, including 16 hours of occupational therapy, 12 hours for speech therapy, 8 hours of report writing and all the additional recommendations. Funding for music therapy is not included as it would duplicate other supports in his plan.

Support self-managed participants to make a claim for art or music therapy

This section is for all NDIA staff

When the participant submits a claim for art or music therapy under the **Capacity Building - Improved Daily Living Skills** support category, they'll need to know that:

- they can claim art or music therapy against their own separate line item numbers, at a national price limit outlined in the [NDIA Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits](#). Any equipment or supplies used to deliver the therapy should be included in the cost of the therapy session
- they can't claim art or music therapy against line item 'Other Professional'
- when submitting a claim, they'll need to write a clear description that this support is art or music therapy. They'll also need to give us evidence, such as an invoice from their provider. To learn more go to article [Support the participant to submit a self-managed claim](#).

Remember that art or music therapy is different to the participant taking part in art or music classes. If the participant needs support to get ready for, or take part in social and community activities, this can be claimed from their core budget. We can't fund the cost of the activity or the class.

National Disability Insurance Scheme

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Further information

Further information on the pricing arrangements for the National Disability Insurance Scheme can be found on the NDIS website: <https://www.ndis.gov.au/providers/pricing-arrangements>.

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Introduction

The provision of supports for participants in the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is subject to regulation by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) and the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission through the provisions of the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* and its subordinate legislation.

This document, which is called the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*, and its associated documents (see below), set out the pricing arrangements and price limits that the NDIA has determined will apply to the provision of supports for participants in the NDIS. The intent of these documents is to assist participants and providers, both current and prospective, to understand the ways in which price controls work in the NDIS. Price regulation is in place to help ensure that participants receive value for money when they purchase the supports that they need.

Price regulation documents

NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits

This document sets out the general pricing arrangements that apply to all supports in the NDIS and the specific arrangements that apply to individual supports.

NDIS Support Catalogue

This document provides information on the current price limits for each support item and indicates for each price-limited support item the claim types (Travel, non-face-to-face, etc.) that can be used. Requirements specified in the *Support Catalogue* are part of the pricing arrangements and price limits that the NDIA has determined should apply to NDIS.

The NDIA sometimes deactivates support items. Deactivated support items cannot be used. Before a support is deactivated it is converted into a Legacy Support. These legacy supports are listed in a separate tab of the *Support Catalogue* for the information of providers and participants. Providers and participants should not create new service bookings for legacy supports. In general, claims for legacy supports should only continue to be made against a service booking if that service booking was in existence at the time the support was turned into a legacy support.

Addenda to the NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits

These documents allow the NDIA to respond to changing market conditions in an efficient manner. They are used to make temporary changes to some of the support items and arrangements listed in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*. Addenda are not stand-alone documents and must be read in conjunction with the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*. Requirements specified in Addenda are part of the pricing arrangements and price limits that the NDIA has determined will apply to NDIS.

- **NDIS Bereavement Addendum:** lists support items that providers can claim after a NDIS participant has died. There are three items in the current Addendum, one for plan managers, one for support coordinators and the other for supported independent living (SIL) providers to use in the event of a participant's death.

NDIS Pricing Arrangements for Specialist Disability Accommodation

This document sets out the specific pricing arrangements that apply for Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA). Providers of SDA supports are also subject to the general arrangements set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

NDIS Assistive Technology, Home Modifications and Consumables Code Guide

This document gives further information on the specific pricing arrangements that apply for these types of support. Providers of these supports are also subject to the general arrangements set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

NDIS Disability Support Worker Cost Model

The NDIA uses the Disability Support Worker Cost Model that is described within this document to determine the price limits for supports that are delivered by Disability Support Workers (DSWs).

The DSW Cost Model estimates the fully loaded cost of a billable hour of support considering: base pay; shift loadings; leave entitlements; salary on costs; employee allowances; operational overheads (including supervision costs, utilisation costs and workers' compensation costs); corporate overheads and margin.

The NDIA expects that providers pay their disability support workers in accordance with relevant awards and agreements. Participants should expect that the price for services is in line with the quality and cost of service provision. For example, where providers employ DSWs in line with Social and Community Services Employees section for the SCHADS Industry Award, a price for services at the limit would be justified.

Note: The NDIA is not involved in individual employment disputes or wage negotiations. These matters are governed by industrial law and are a matter for relevant bodies to resolve such as the Fair Work Ombudsman.

Priority of Interpretation

To the extent of any inconsistency between provisions of the various documents that set out the pricing arrangements for the NDIS, priority will be accorded in descending order to:

- (a) The *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*;
- (b) The *NDIS Support Catalogue*;
- (c) Any *Addenda to the NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*;
- (d) The *NDIS Pricing Arrangements for Specialist Disability Accommodation*; and
- (e) The *NDIS Assistive Technology, Home Modifications and Consumables Code Guide*.

These documents are updated from time to time and are published on the NDIS website: <https://www.ndis.gov.au/providers/pricing-arrangements>. Participants and providers should always refer to the website version of a document when they are seeking to understand pricing arrangements that apply in the NDIS.

Applicability of Price Limits

Supports can be subject to price regulation in different ways:

- **Price controlled supports** should only be claimed by a provider from a participant's plan when they are reasonable and necessary to meet a participant's needs and are subject to the conditions set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.
- **Quotable supports** should only be claimed by a provider from a participant's plan if the support is specifically included in the participant's plan. They are subject to the conditions set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.
- Some supports are not subject to price control. These supports should only be claimed by a provider from a participant's plan when they are reasonable and necessary to meet the participant's needs. They are subject to the other conditions set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

In most cases, support items subject to price limits have a single national price limit. In some cases, there are different price limits for different jurisdictions. Higher price limits can apply in remote and very remote areas.

The pricing arrangements do not only set the price limits for supports. They also specify when and how supports can be claimed, including what must have happened for a support to be claimable.

Agency Managed Participants

A provider of a support that is agency managed in a participant's plan:

- Must be a Registered Provider with the NDIS;
- Must declare relevant prices and conditions to participants before delivering a service, including any notice periods or cancellation terms; and
- Must adhere to the arrangements prescribed in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*, including ensuring that their prices do not exceed the price limits.

The NDIA does not set the prices that providers charge participants. Each provider must agree the price for each support with each participant, subject to the price limits and pricing arrangements that are imposed by the NDIA.

Providers should not indicate in any way to participants that the prices that they charge are set by the NDIA.

In general, providers should not charge NDIS participants more for a support than they would charge anyone else for the same support. If the price a provider offers to a NDIS participant is different to that which they would offer to a person who was not an NDIS participant, then the provider should ensure that the participant is aware of this difference and the reasons for the difference.

Providers are required to acknowledge compliance with the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits* and its associated documents when submitting a payment request through the myplace Provider Portal.

Plan Managed Participants

Plan managers must adhere to the arrangements prescribed in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*, including ensuring that the prices charged by providers do not exceed the price limits. This rule applies regardless of whether the participant purchases the support from a registered or an unregistered provider.

Plan managers must provide the Australian Business Number (ABN) of the service provider who delivers the support for all payment requests. The NDIA will only accept payment requests without an ABN if the service provider is exempt from quoting an ABN under Australian Taxation Office (ATO) rules. Exempt providers must complete the ATO's Statement by a Supplier form which can be found on the ATO's website:

[https://www.ato.gov.au/uploadedFiles/Content/MEI/downloads/Statement by a supplier.pdf](https://www.ato.gov.au/uploadedFiles/Content/MEI/downloads/Statement%20by%20a%20supplier.pdf). Plan managers are expected to keep a copy of the completed form.

Plan managers must always ensure that a valid tax invoice is included with relevant information about the goods/services purchased for all payment requests. A plan manager may be liable to pay back any amount not spent in accordance with a participant's plan.

Plan managers are required to acknowledge compliance with the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits* and its associated documents when submitting payment requests through the myplace Provider Portal.

Self-managing Participants

Self-managing participants can use registered or unregistered providers and are not subject to the price limits or other pricing arrangements set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits* and its associated documents.

Support Purposes, Support Categories and Support Items

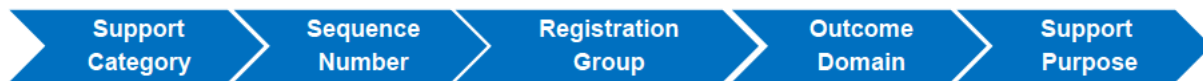
This section describes the way that the NDIS categorises disability supports. These categories can be relevant to rules for participants about how they can spend their support budgets, and for providers when seeking payment for delivered supports.

Support Items

Each support that a provider supplies to a participant can be classified as one of the support items listed in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits* and in the *NDIS Support Catalogue*.

Providers should claim payments against the support item that aligns to the service they have delivered.

Each support item has a unique reference number, according to the following structure:



For example:

01_013_0107_1_1 – Assistance with Self-Care Activities – Standard – Saturday

Support Category	Sequence Number	Registration Group	Outcome Domain	Support Purpose
01	013	0107	1	1

Support Purposes

NDIS participant budgets are allocated to three separate support purposes:

1. **CORE** – Supports that enable participants to complete activities of daily living. Participant budgets often have a lot of flexibility to choose specific supports with their core support budgets, but cannot reallocate this funding for other support purposes (i.e., capital or capacity building supports).
2. **CAPITAL** – Investments, such as assistive technologies – equipment, home or vehicle modifications, or for Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA). Participant budgets for this support purpose are restricted to specific items identified in the participant's plan.
3. **CAPACITY BUILDING** – Supports that enable a participant to build their independence and skills.

Support Categories aligned to the NDIS Outcomes Framework

Participant budgets are allocated at a support category level and must be used to achieve the goals set out in the participant's plan. Support categories are aligned with the NDIS Outcomes Framework, which has been developed to measure goal attainment for individual participants and overall performance of the Scheme. There are eight outcome domains in the Framework, which help participants think about goals in different areas of their life and assist planners to explore where supports in these areas already exist and where further supports are required. These domains are:

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Daily Living | 5. Work |
| 2. Home | 6. Social and Community Participation |
| 3. Health and Wellbeing | 7. Relationships |
| 4. Lifelong Learning | 8. Choice and Control |

NDIS providers should be aware that all supports and services for NDIS participants must contribute to the achievement of their individual goals as outlined in the participant's plan. Support purpose categories are designed to align with the Outcomes Framework and the 15 support categories with additional categories in the new PACE system. This helps participants choose supports that help them achieve their goals, and providers to understand how the supports they provide contribute to the participant's goals.

The following table shows the links between support purpose types, domains in the Outcomes Framework and support categories, as well as the new support categories in PACE.

PURPOSE	OUTCOME DOMAIN	SUPPORT CATEGORY (LEGACY CRM)	SUPPORT CATEGORY (PACE)
CORE	Daily Living	01 Assistance with Daily Life	01 Assistance with Daily Life
			16 Home and Living
			21 Young People in Residential Aged Care (YPIRAC)-Cross Billing
	Daily Living	02 Transport	02 Transport
	Daily Living	03 Consumables	03 Consumables
	Social and Community Participation	04 Assistance with Social, Economic and Community Participation	04 Assistance with Social, Economic and Community Participation
CAPITAL	Home	05 Assistive Technology	04 Assistance with Social, Economic and Community Participation
			05 Assistive Technology
			06 Home Modifications
			17 Specialised Disability Accommodation (SDA)
RECURRING	Daily Living	N/A	19 Assistive Technology Maintenance Repair and Rental
			18 Recurring Transport
CAPACITY BUILDING	Choice and Control	07 Support Coordination	07 Support Coordination and Psychosocial Recovery Coaches
	Home	08 Improved Living Arrangements	08 Improved Living Arrangements
	Social and Community Participation	09 Increased Social and Community Participation	09 Increased Social and Community Participation
	Work	10 Finding and Keeping a Job	10 Finding and Keeping a Job
	Relationships	11 Improved Relationships	11 Relationships
			20 Behaviour Support
	Health and Wellbeing	12 Improved Health and Wellbeing	12 Health and Wellbeing
	Lifelong Learning	13 Improved Learning	13 Lifelong Learning
	Choice and Control	14 Improved Life Choices	14 Choice and Control
CAPACITY BUILDING	Daily Living	15 Improved Daily Living Skills	15 Improved Daily Living Skills

Registration Groups

Each support item specifies the Registration Group for which a Registered Provider who delivers the support must be registered with the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission. There are currently 36 Registration Groups.

Number	Registration Group Name
General Registration Groups	
0101	Accommodation / Tenancy Assistance
0102	Assistance to Access and Maintain Employment or Higher Education
0104	High Intensity Daily Personal Activities
0106	Assistance in Coordinating or Managing Life Stages, Transitions And Supports
0107	Daily Personal Activities
0108	Assistance with Travel/Transport Arrangements
0115	Assistance with Daily Life Tasks in a Group or Shared Living Arrangement
0116	Innovative Community Participation
0117	Development of Daily Living and Life Skills
0120	Household Tasks
0125	Participation in Community, Social and Civic Activities
0127	Management of Funding for Supports in Participants' Plans
0129	Specialised Driver Training
0130	Assistance Animals
0131	Specialised Disability Accommodation
0133	Specialised Supported Employment
0136	Group and Centre Based Activities
Professional Registration Groups	
0110	Specialist Positive Behaviour Support
0114	Community Nursing Care
0118	Early Intervention Supports for Early Childhood
0119	Specialised Hearing Services
0121	Interpreting and Translation
0126	Exercise Physiology and Personal Training
0128	Therapeutic Supports
0132	Specialised Support Coordination
0134	Hearing Services
0135	Customised Prosthetics
Home and Vehicle Modification Registration Groups	
0109	Vehicle Modifications
0111	Home Modifications
Assistive Technology and Equipment Registration Groups	
0103	Assistive Products for Personal Care and Safety
0105	Personal Mobility Equipment
0112	Assistive Equipment for Recreation
0113	Vision Equipment
0122	Hearing Equipment
0123	Assistive Products for Household Tasks
0124	Communication and Information Equipment

Units of Measure

The NDIS payment system includes units of measure for each support item as follows:

• Each	• Hour	• Daily
• Week	• Month	• Annual

Providers should ensure that they record claims against a support item using the appropriate unit of measure for the support item.

General Claiming Rules

Registered Providers can only make a claim for payment for a support once they have delivered or provided that support. Where price limits apply to a support, prices charged to participants must not exceed the price limit prescribed for that support in the NDIS *Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*. Providers are responsible for ensuring that the claims for payment that they make accurately reflect the supports delivered, including the frequency, volume and type of support. Claims need to be made against the specific support item that aligns to the service delivered. Falsifying claims for payment is a serious compliance issue and may result in action against the provider. Providers are also required to keep accurate records of claims, which are subject to audit.

Supports funded by the NDIS

Participants can only use their NDIS funds for items listed as NDIS supports. There is also a list of things NDIS funding that are not NDIS supports. In some circumstances participants may be able to request a substitution from the replacement support list. Refer to the NDIS website for further information about NDIS supports: <https://www.ndis.gov.au/understanding/supports-funded-ndis>.

Conflicts of Interest in the NDIS Provider Market

In line with the NDIA Position Statement on Conflicts of Interest in the NDIS Provider Market, providers are expected to make all efforts to avoid conflicts of interest. They should declare all conflicts of interest when they occur and be open with participants, their supports, or representatives with any conflicts of interest and associated risks and discuss options to manage these risks. Providers should document strategies for monitoring conflicts of interest.

The Position Statement states the limited circumstances where a conflict of interest may be unavoidable. In such cases, providers should complete a Conflict of Interest Declaration Form. The Position Statement, Conflict of Interest Declaration Form and supporting resources are on Conflicts of Interest in the NDIS Provider Market page of the NDIS website:

www.ndis.gov.au/providers/provider-compliance/conflicts-interest-ndis-provider-market.

For more information, providers can refer to the NDIA Position Statement on Conflicts of interest in the NDIS provider market: <https://www.ndis.gov.au/media/7385/download?attachment>.

Service Agreements

A Service Agreement is a formal agreement between a participant and provider. They help to ensure there is a shared understanding of:

- Expectations of what supports will be delivered and how they will be delivered; and
- The respective responsibilities and obligations of the provider and the participant and how to resolve any problems that may arise.

Service Agreements should be simple and set out how and when supports will be delivered. They can include information such as:

- What supports and services the provider has agreed to provide;
- The prices of those supports and services;
- How, when and where the supports and services are provided;

- The duration of the Service Agreement and when and how the Agreement will be reviewed;
- How the participant or the provider may change or end the Service Agreement;
- How any problems or issues that may arise will be handled;
- Participant responsibilities under the Service Agreement; and
- Provider responsibilities under the Service Agreement.

Providers should not seek to impose conditions on participants through Service Agreements that are not in line with those set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits* and its associated documents.

Service Bookings

Service bookings are used to set aside funding in a participant's plan for a registered provider for a support they will deliver. Service bookings can be made by the participant or provider in the myplace portal. Providers claim payments against the service booking in the myplace portal. Each service booking sets out the specific support items or support category delivered and period of service delivery within the plan dates. Service bookings are not the same as service agreements.

The Agency recommends that service bookings should be created at the category level, where possible. This allows providers and participants to negotiate or access supports on a more flexible basis, especially for on-the-spot assessments or less predictable support needs. **A provider must have a service booking in place to make a payment claim in the Portal.** Further information can be found on the NDIS website: <https://www.ndis.gov.au/providers/working-provider/myplace-provider-portal-and-resources>.

My providers

NDIS Plans in our PACE system don't have service bookings.

"My providers" are the providers a participant regularly works with and records as part of their NDIS plan.

By recording a provider, participants are letting us know that a provider can receive payments for claims on their NDIS plan.

Being recorded as my providers means less administration and time spent chasing details and following up claims. This is because my providers claims are generally paid within 2 to 3 days.

Participants can still choose to use any provider, however if a claim is made by a provider who is not recorded as my providers, we'll check with the participant or their nominee by SMS to confirm the claim is for a NDIS support they agreed to.

Only participants who have a plan developed in the PACE system need to record my providers.

Participants or their nominees with a plan in the PACE system need to tell us who their my providers are when they have:

- NDIA-managed supports funded within their NDIS plan.
- Specialist disability accommodation, home and living supports and/or behaviour supports.
- A plan manager. Only the plan manager needs to be recorded as a my provider.

A plan manager needs to be recorded as a my provider to be paid, but participants don't need to record providers for their plan managed supports if they don't want to.

Self-managing participants do not need to record my providers for their plan.

Providers with existing active service bookings, who deliver home and living supports will automatically be recorded as my providers at the NDIS support category level when the participant's plan is approved in the PACE system.

Claiming for support items that are subject to quotation

Providers can only claim for a support item that is subject to quotation from a participant's plan if they provided a quotation to the NDIA for the support item and it is a stated item in the participant's plan. When the NDIA approves a quote, then it will create a service booking for the support item that the provider can use for claiming purposes.

Claiming for support items that have a price limit

Where a support item has a price limit then the provider cannot agree a price for the support with the participant that is greater than the price limit. Claims should be made in the units specified for the item and at the agreed unit price, which must not be higher than the applicable price limit.

Where a provider delivers less than a full unit of support, they should claim according to the time spent delivering the support. This includes claims for travel time, non-face-to-face supports, NDIA requested report writing, or cancellations.

Claims must be made by either claiming a quantity of units or of hours, not both. Claims will be paid by multiplying the unit price by the quantity claimed.

The amounts in the table are indicative, demonstrating how claims vary with time spent.

Support Duration	Unit Quantity (Hour)	Hour Format	Total claim amount if unit price is set to \$193.99
10 Minutes	0.17	0:10	\$32.33
20 Minutes	0.33	0:20	\$64.66
30 Minutes	0.50	0:30	\$97.00
40 Minutes	0.67	0:40	\$129.33
50 Minutes	0.83	0:50	\$161.66
60 Minutes	1.00	1:00	\$193.99

Example – Claiming for a support subject to price limit

A Support Coordination provider has agreed to deliver a support to a participant at an hourly rate of \$100.

If the provider provides support for 30 minutes, then can claim for a quantity of 0.5 units or claim 0:30 hours. This should be claimed at a unit price of \$100 and will result in a payment of \$50. They should not claim for 1 unit at \$50.

Example – Claiming for a support subject to price limit

A provider has agreed to deliver a support to a participant at an hourly rate of \$190.

If the provider delivered 45 minutes, they can claim for a quantity of 0.75 units or claim 0:45 hours. This should be claimed at a unit price of \$190 and will result in a payment of \$142.50. They should not claim 1 unit at \$142.50.

Claiming for support items that do not have a price limit

Where a support item does not have a price limit then the provider and participant should agree on the reasonable price for the support. If necessary, they should also agree on the billing schedule for the support. For example, they might agree that a support should be claimed weekly. These claims are subject to the general claiming rules, including that, in general, supports can only be claimed for after they have been delivered.

The provider should claim for that item by reference to the “notional unit price” if there is one set out in the *NDIS Support Catalogue* or the *NDIS Assistive Technology, Home Modifications and Consumables Code Guide*.

Example – Claiming for Low Cost AT

A Provider has agreed to deliver a text player to a participant at a cost of \$530.

The relevant support item (03_220300911_0113_1_1: Low Cost AT for Vision Related AT) is not subject to a price limit but has a “notional” unit price of \$1.00.

The provider would submit a payment request for 530 units at \$1.00 a unit for a total amount of \$530.

Example – Claiming for Activity Based Transport

The activity based transport support items are not subject to price limits but have a “notional” unit limit of \$1.00.

If, as in the above example, the non-labour costs of the activity based transport was \$21.50 (in this example against the support item 04_590_0125_6_1) then the provider would submit a payment request for 21.5 units at \$1.00 a unit for a total cost of \$21.50.

Time of Day and Day of Week

In determining which price limit is applicable to a support, the important consideration is when the support is provided to the participant, not the shift of the worker used to deliver that support as determined by the applicable Industry Award or Enterprise Bargaining Agreement.

For NDIS claiming purposes, the provider must first determine the day of the week on which the support was provided on and then the time of the day during which the support was delivered. (Note: weekday means Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday).

- A **Night-time Sleepover Support** is any support to a participant delivered on a weekday, a Saturday, a Sunday or a Public Holiday that:
 - Commences before midnight on a day and finishes after midnight on that day; and
 - Is for a continuous period of eight (8) hours or more; and
 - The worker is allowed to sleep when they are not providing support.

- A **Public Holiday Support** is any support to a participant that starts at or after midnight on the night prior to a Public Holiday and ends before or at midnight of that Public Holiday (unless it is a Night-time Sleepover Support).
- A **Saturday Support** is any support to a participant that starts at or after midnight on the night prior to a Saturday and ends before or at midnight of that Saturday (unless it is a Public Holiday or Night-time Sleepover Support).
- A **Sunday Support** is any support to a participant that starts at or after midnight on the night prior to a Sunday and ends before or at midnight of that Sunday (unless it is a Public Holiday or Night-time Sleepover Support).
- A **Weekday Support** is any other support:
 - For Disability Support Workers:
 - A **Weekday Daytime Support** is any support to a participant that starts at or after 6:00 am and ends before or at 8:00 pm on a single weekday (unless it is a Public Holiday or Night-time Sleepover Support).
 - A **Weekday Evening Support** is any support to a participant that starts at or after 8:00 pm and finishes at or before midnight on a single weekday (unless it is a Public Holiday or Night-time Sleepover Support).
 - A **Weekday Night Support** is any support to a participant that commences at or before midnight on a weekday and finishes after midnight on that weekday, or commences before 6:00 am on a weekday and finishes on that weekday (unless it is a Public Holiday, Saturday, Sunday or Night-time Sleepover Support).
 - For Nurses delivering Nursing Supports:
 - A **Weekday Daytime Support** is any support to a participant that commences before 12.00 noon on a Weekday and finishes on the same day (unless it is a Public Holiday, Weekday Evening, or Weekday Night Support).
 - A **Weekday Evening Support** is any support to a participant that commences not earlier than 12.00 noon on a Weekday and finishes after 6.00 pm on the same day (unless it is a Public Holiday Support).
 - A **Weekday Night Support** is any support to a participant that commences on or after 6.00 pm on a Weekday and finishes before 7.30 am on the following day (unless it is a Public Holiday Support).

If a support to a participant does not meet one of the above criteria, then it needs to be billed as two or more separate supports. An exception to this general rule occurs when a particular support crosses a shift boundary and the same worker delivers the entire support. In this case, the higher of the relevant price limits applies to the entire support and the provider should make the claim against the relevant support item. Providers are required to discuss this billing arrangement with the participant.

Night-Time Sleepover supports

This support provides a participant with assistance with, or supervision of, personal tasks of daily life where overnight support is needed, but the caregiver can sleep when not required to provide support. This support applies to any day of the week and on public holidays. This support item includes up to two hours of active supports provided to the participant for the duration of the period.

Providers may claim for the third or additional hour at Saturday rates on weekdays, or at applicable rates on other days (Saturday, Sunday or Public Holidays).

Note: there is no night-time sleepover support item for nurses.

Claiming for Telehealth Services

Telehealth can be used to deliver direct supports where appropriate and with the agreement of the participant.

Providers can only claim Telehealth Services where the following conditions are met:

- The delivery of the support by telehealth is appropriate; and
- The proposed charges for the activities comply with the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits* and with the Service Agreement with the participant; and
- The activities are part of delivering a specific disability support item to that participant (rather than a general activity such as enrolment, administration or staff rostering); and
- The provider explains the activities to the participant, including why they represent the best use of the participant's funds (that is, the provider explains the value of these activities to the participant); and
- The provider has the agreement of the participant in advance (that is, the service agreement between the participant and provider specifies that Telehealth services can be claimed).

Providers have a duty of care to their participants to ensure they are providing the same standard of care through video technology as in a clinical setting.

Claims for Telehealth Services should be made using the relevant support item as indicated in *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits* by using the "Telehealth Services" option in the myplace Provider Portal.

Claiming for Non-direct Services

Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision

Providers can only claim from a participant's plan for the Non-Face-to-Face delivery of a support item if all of the following conditions are met:

- The *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits* indicates that providers can claim for Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision in respect of that support item; and
- The proposed charges for the activities comply with the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits* and with the Service Agreement with the participant; and
- The activities are part of delivering a specific disability support item to that participant or in the case of group-based supports, are required to enable the group support to be delivered (rather than a general activity such as enrolment, administration or staff rostering); and
- The provider explains the activities to the participant, including why they represent the best use of the participant's funds (that is, the provider explains the value of these activities to the participant); and
- The provider has the agreement of the participant in advance (that is, the service agreement between the participant and provider specifies that Non-Face-to-Face supports can be claimed).

For example, the Assistance with Self Care support items are described as covering activities "Assisting with, and/or supervising, personal tasks of daily life to develop skills of the participant to

live as autonomously as possible". Therefore, time spent on Non-Face-to-Face activities that assist the participant – for example, writing reports for co-workers and other providers about the client's progress with skill development – could be claimed against this support item.

The costs of training and up-skilling staff, and of supervision, are included in the base price limits for supports and are not considered billable Non-Face-to-Face supports. However, research undertaken by a capacity-building provider specifically linked to the needs of a participant and to the achievement of the participant's goals may be billable as a Non-Face-to-Face support with the participant's prior agreement.

Service agreements with each client can 'pre-authorise' these activities, but providers should only claim a support item from a participant's plan if they have completed activities that are part of the support for that participant. Charging a fee that is not linked to completed activities is not permitted.

Time spent on administration, such as the processing of NDIS payment claims for all clients, should not be claimed from a participant's budget as a Non-Face-to-Face support. The NDIS price limits include an allowance for overheads, including the costs of administration tasks. Examples of administrative activities that are covered by the overhead component of the support price limits and that should not be billed as Non-Face-to-Face supports include, but are not limited to:

- Pre-engagement visits;
- Developing and agreeing Service Agreements;
- Entering or amending participant details into system;
- Making participant service time changes;
- Staff / participant travel monitoring and adjustment;
- Ongoing NDIS plan monitoring;
- Completing a quoting tool;
- Making service bookings; and
- Making payment claims.

The fee charged for Non-Face-To-Face supports must be reflective of the needs of the participant in the context of the relevant support, and in agreement with the participant.

Claims for Non-Face-to-Face supports are made using the relevant support item, using the "Non-Face-to-Face" option in the myplace portal.

Provider Travel

Providers can only claim travel costs from a participant's plan when delivering a support item if all the following conditions are met:

- The *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits* indicates that providers can claim for Provider Travel for that support item; and
- The proposed charges for the activities comply with the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*; and
- The activities are part of delivering a specific disability support item to that participant; and
- The primary support is delivered directly (face-to-face) to the participant; and

- The provider explains the activities to the participant, this includes why the activities represent the best use of the participant's funds (that is, the provider explains the value of these activities to the participant); and
- The participant has agreed to the travel costs in advance (that is, the Agreement between the participant and provider should specify the travel costs that can be claimed); and
- The provider is required to pay the worker delivering the support for the time spent travelling because of the agreement under which the worker is employed; or the provider is a sole trader and is travelling from their usual place of work to or from the participant, or between participants.

Provider Travel – Labour Costs (Time)

The NDIA uses the Modified Monash Model (MMM) to classify locations based on remoteness and population size, categorising them into MMM1 (major cities) to MMM7 (very remote areas). The NDIA modifies the classification of some locations to enable service delivery in isolated areas to support service delivery.

When a provider claims for labour costs (travel time) related to a support, they can claim for up to 30 minutes of travel to and from each participant in MMM1-3 areas and up to 60 minutes in MMM4-5 areas for each eligible worker. This is known as a travel time limit. The MMM classification is based on where the participant is when the support is delivered. More information can be found on page 30.

In addition to the above travel, providers delivering core and capacity-building supports can also claim for travel time from the last participant to their usual place of work but only if they must pay their worker for the return travel time and this is subject to the relevant travel time limit.

If a worker travels to provide services to multiple participants during the same trip, the travel time (including return travel where applicable) can be divided among the participants. This division should be agreed upon with each participant in advance as part of their Service Agreement. Travel time claims must be made separately from the primary support claim using the same line item and the "Provider Travel" option in the myplace Provider Portal. The hourly rate for travel claims should be the same as the rate agreed for the primary support, or lower if agreed with the participant.

For therapy supports providers, including early childhood therapy, the price limit for provider travel time is 50% of the regular price limit for these items. For example, if a speech pathologist travelled for 1 hour in an MMM5 area to deliver support to a participant, the maximum claimable for this travel time component would be \$97.00 (which represents 50% of the direct hourly price limit of \$193.99). This does not impact the amount that can be claimed for non-labour costs.

The price limit for travel for providers delivering therapeutic supports in Remote (MMM6) and Very Remote (MMM7) areas are subject to existing loadings for 40% and 50% respectively.

Providers cannot claim for travel if they have already claimed for a support that has travel costs built in.

Provider Travel (in Remote and Very Remote Areas)

In Remote (MMM6) and Very Remote (MMM7) areas, providers delivering core and capacity building supports may enter specific arrangements with participants to cover travel costs, up to the relevant hourly rate for the support item. For providers delivering therapeutic supports, the price limit for provider travel time is 50% of the respective loaded price limit (40% loading for Remote,

and 50% loading for Very Remote). There is no travel time limit applicable for travel in Remote and Very Remote areas.

Providers delivering support in Remote and Very Remote areas can also claim non-labour costs. This could, with prior agreement of the participant, include claims for items such as the cost of flights and accommodation for travel in these areas.

All providers should help keep travel costs a participant has to pay as low as possible. For example, by coordinating appointments with other participants in the area to share travel costs or by using telehealth to deliver supports when it is suitable.

Refer to page 31 for more information on pricing in Remote and Very Remote areas.

Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs

If a provider incurs costs, in addition to the cost of a worker's time, when travelling to deliver Face-to-Face supports to a participant (such as road tolls, parking fees and the running costs of the vehicle), they may negotiate with the participant for them to make a reasonable contribution towards these costs. The NDIA considers that the following would be reasonable contributions:

- For a vehicle owned by the provider or the worker, up to \$0.99 a kilometre; and
- For other forms of transport or associated costs, such as road tolls, parking, public transport fares, up to the full amount.

Claims can only be made for the non-labour costs associated with provider travel in respect of a support where the rules governing provider travel allow a claim for provider travel time to be made.

Claims for the non-labour costs of provider travel in respect of a support must be made separately to the claim for the primary support (the support for which the travel is necessary) and for the travel time associated with the provider travel. The non-labour costs should be claimed against the relevant "Provider Travel – non-labour costs" support item as indicated in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

Support items

These support items can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*. Where a worker is travelling to provide services to more than one participant in a 'region' then the provider should apportion the non-labour travel costs (including the return journey where applicable) between the participants, with the agreement of each participant in advance.

These support items are not subject to price limits. See page 17 for further information on how to claim for support items that are not subject to a price limit.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_799_0102_1_1	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
01_799_0104_1_1	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
01_799_0106_1_1	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
01_799_0107_1_1	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
01_799_0110_1_1	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
01_799_0114_1_1	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
01_799_0115_1_1	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
01_799_0117_8_1	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
01_799_0118_1_1	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
01_799_0119_1_1	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
01_799_0120_1_1	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_799_0126_1_1	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
01_799_0128_1_1	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
01_799_0129_1_1	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
01_799_0132_1_1	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
04_799_0104_6_1	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
04_799_0125_6_1	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
04_799_0133_5_1	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
01_799_0134_1_1	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
01_799_0135_1_1	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
04_799_0136_6_1	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
07_799_0106_6_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
07_799_0117_8_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
07_799_0132_8_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
08_799_0106_2_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
09_799_0106_6_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
09_799_0117_6_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
10_799_0102_5_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
10_799_0128_5_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
10_799_0133_5_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
11_799_0110_7_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
11_799_0117_7_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
12_799_0126_3_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
12_799_0128_3_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
13_799_0102_4_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
15_799_0106_1_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
15_799_0103_6_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
15_799_0114_1_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
15_799_0117_1_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
15_799_0118_1_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
15_799_0119_1_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
15_799_0126_1_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
15_799_0128_1_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
15_799_0134_1_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
15_799_0135_1_3	Provider travel - non-labour costs	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00

Example – Provider Travel – Core support – Single Participant – MMM 1-3

A support worker, employed by a provider, travels for 25 minutes (30 kilometres) to a participant in zone 3 of the Modified Monash Model. They provide two hours of support to the participant. They then spend 25 minutes (30 kilometres) returning to their usual place of business.

The provider and participant have agreed an hourly rate of \$50.00. They have also agreed that the provider can claim for travel time and for the non-labour costs associated with that travel (at \$0.78 per kilometre).

The 25 minutes of travel to the participant is less than the 30-minute time cap, and so the provider is entitled to claim for the whole 25 minutes of travel time to the participant. They are also entitled to claim for the 25 minutes spent travelling back to their usual place of business as the provider is required to pay their worker for this time and it fits within the 30-minute time-cap.

Because the worker uses his or her own car to drive to the participant, the provider has agreed to pay the worker \$0.78 per kilometre travelled. The provider can also seek reimbursement for this cost from the participant's plan under the Service Agreement.

The provider's claim for this support is in three parts, which should be shown separately on their invoice to the participant and claimed for separately in the system.

- \$100.00 for the two hours of support against support item 01_301_0104_1_1;
- \$41.67 for the 50 minutes travel to and from the participant against support item 01_301_0104_1_1 using the

drop-down field "Provider Travel"; and

- \$46.80 for the 60 kilometres travel to and from the participant against support item 01_799_0104_1_1.

Example – Core support – Multiple Participants – MMM 4-5

A disability support worker travels for 65 minutes (60 kilometres) to Participant A in zone 4 of the Modified Monash Model. They then provide two hours of the support to participant A. The worker then travels 25 minutes (50 kilometres) to Participant B, who is also located in zone 4. They deliver one hour of support to participant B. They then spend 40 minutes (40 kilometres) returning to their usual place of business.

The provider who employs the worker has agreed to pay the worker for the time they spend travelling.

The provider and participants have agreed an hourly rate for the supports of \$50.00. They have also agreed that the provider can charge for their travel time (to and from all the participants) and for the non-labour costs associated with that travel (at \$0.78 per allowable kilometre) and that the provider can apportion the costs of the travel between all the participants.

The provider is entitled to apportion to total of 90 minutes (65+25) of travel time to participants A and B. This is less than the 60-minute time-cap that can be claimed against each participant. They are also entitled to claim for the time spent travelling back to their usual place of business as the provider is required to pay the worker for this time and it fits under the time-cap. In total, 130 minutes of travel (65 + 25 + 40) can be claimed, apportioned as 65 minutes for each participant.

Because the worker uses his or her own car to drive to the participant, the provider has agreed to pay the worker \$0.78 per kilometre travelled. The provider can also seek reimbursement for this cost from the participants' plans under the Service Agreement. However, they are only entitled to claim for 150 kilometres.

The provider's claim for these supports is in three parts for each participant, which should be shown separately on their invoice to the participant and claimed for separately.

Participant A

- \$100.00 for the two hours of support against support item 01_301_0104_1_1;
- \$54.17 for the 65 minutes travel to, between and from participants against support item 01_301_0104_1_1 using the drop-down field "Provider Travel"; and
- \$58.50 for 75 kilometres travel to and between participants against support item 01_799_0104_1_1.

Participant B

- \$50.00 for the one hour of support against support item 01_301_0104_1_1;
- \$54.17 for the 65 minutes travel to, between and from participants against support item 01_301_0104_1_1 using the drop-down field "Provider Travel"; and
- \$58.50 for 75 kilometres travel to and between participants against support item 01_799_0104_1_1.

Example – Capacity building support -Single Participant – MMM 1-3

A Speech Pathologist employed by a provider travels for 35 minutes (40 kilometres) to a participant in zone 3 of the Modified Monash Model. They provide two hours of Speech Pathology support to the participant. They then spend 25 minutes (40 kilometres) returning to their usual place of business.

The provider who employs the worker has agreed to pay the worker for the time they spend travelling.

The provider and participant have agreed an hourly rate of \$190.00. They have also agreed that the provider can charge for their travel time at a rate of \$97.00 per hour and for the non-labour costs associated with that travel (at \$0.78 per kilometre).

Because this is in a MMM1-3 area, the provider is entitled to claim for travel to the participant up to the 30-minute time cap. The 5 minutes of travel to the participant above the cap is not claimable. They are also entitled to claim for the time spent travelling back to their usual place of business claiming the 25 minutes of return travel. In total, 55 minutes of travel can be claimed.

Because the worker uses his or her own car to drive to the participant, the provider has agreed to pay the worker \$0.78 per kilometre travelled. There is a service agreement between the provider and the participant which states the provider is able to claim the non-labour costs associated with this travel. Because the travel time for both the journey to and from the participant are claimable in this case, the non-labour costs associated with both periods of travel can also be claimed under the service agreement.

The provider's claim for these supports is in three parts, which should be shown separately on their invoice to the participant and claimed for separately.

- \$380.00 for the two hours of support against support item 15_622_0128_1_3
- \$88.91 for the 55 minutes travel to the participant against support item 15_622_0128_1_3 using the drop-down field "Provider Travel"; and
- \$62.40 for the non-labour costs of 80 kilometres travel to and from the participant against support item 15_799_0128_1_3.

Short Notice Cancellations

Where a provider has a Short Notice Cancellation (or no show), they can claim up to 100% of the agreed fee associated with the activity from the participant's plan, subject to the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits* and the terms of the service agreement with the participant.

Providers can only claim from a participant's plan for a Short Notice Cancellation of the delivery of a support item to the participant if all of the following conditions are met:

Short Notice Cancellation – 2 clear business days

- This policy typically applies to non-DSW supports where a participant has provided less than two (2) clear business days' notice of cancellation for a support, or if a participant does not show up for a scheduled support within a reasonable time or is not present at the agreed place within a reasonable time when the provider is travelling to deliver the support.
 - The NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits document indicates that providers can claim for a Short Notice Cancellation – 2 clear business days, in respect of that support item.
 - Providers may choose to waive the short notice cancellation fee at their discretion (this may relate to the individual circumstances of the participant) or offer better terms of a notice period from their own policies.
 - The provider was not able to find alternative billable work for the relevant worker and, if not a sole trader/partnership, are required to pay the worker for the time that would have been spent providing the support
- Providers should document the terms of short notice cancellations policies in participant service agreements.

Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days

- This policy typically applies to DSW supports where a participant has provided less than seven (7) days' notice of cancellation for a support for a support, or if a participant does not show up for a scheduled support within a reasonable time or is not present at the agreed place within a reasonable time when the provider is travelling to deliver the support.
- The NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits document indicates that providers can claim for a Short Notice Cancellation - 7 days, in respect of that support item.
- The provider was not able to find alternative billable work for the relevant worker and, if not a sole trader/partnership, are required to pay the worker for the time that would have been spent providing the support
- Providers may choose to waive the short notice cancellation fee at their discretion (this may relate to the individual circumstances of the participant) or offer better terms of a notice period from their own policies.
- Providers should document the terms of short notice cancellations policies in participant service agreements.

For supports delivered to a group of participants, if a participant cancels their attendance and if the provider is unable find another participant to attend the group session in their place then, if the other requirements for a Short Notice Cancellation are met, the provider is permitted to bill the participant who has made the short notice cancellation at the previously agreed rate that they would have billed if the participant had attended the group session. All other participants in the group should also be billed as though all participants had attended the group.

Claims for a Short Notice Cancellation should be made using the same support item that would have been used if the support had been delivered, using the “Cancellation” option in the myplace portal.

There is no hard limit on the number of Short Notice Cancellations (or no shows) for which a provider can claim in respect of a participant. However, providers have a duty of care to their participants and if a participant has an unusual number of cancellations, then the provider should seek to understand why they are occurring. The NDIA will monitor claims for cancellations and may contact providers who have a participant with an unusual number of cancellations.

Example – Short Notice Cancellation 2 clear business days

An appointment for one-hour support is scheduled for 10 am on a Tuesday following a Public Holiday on Monday of the same week.

A participant cancels the appointment after 10 am on the Thursday before the Public Holiday. The provider is not able to find alternative billable work for the relevant worker assigned to the support and is required to pay the worker for the time that would have been spent providing the service.

If the Service Agreement between the participant and the provider has included cancellation arrangements, then the provider can claim for this support. The claim should be made at the agreed rate for the service against the relevant support item using the drop-down field “Cancellation” when lodging the claim.

Example – Short Notice Cancellation 7 days

A one-hour support is scheduled for 10 am on a Tuesday following a Public Holiday Monday.

The participant cancels the support at 10 am on the Tuesday before the Public Holiday Monday and the provider is not able to find alternative billable work for the relevant worker and is required to pay the worker for the time that would have been spent providing the support.

If the Service Agreement between the participant and the provider has included cancellation arrangements, then the provider can claim for this support. The claim should be made at the agreed rate for the service against the relevant support item using the drop-down field “Cancellation”. The public holiday does not change the 7 days notice period

Example – Provider waives the Short Notice Cancellation fee

A participant misses their appointment with a therapist. The therapist follows this up with the participant and leaves a voicemail message. When the participant doesn't respond, the therapist follows up the participant again expressing their concern for the participants well-being and reminding them of the cancellation policy. The participant responds to the second message and apologises and explains they couldn't attend due to sensory overload from an unforeseen event that occurred of the day of the appointment. The therapist empathises with the participant and reschedules the appointment, waiving the cancellation fee.

Example – More restrictive cancellation fee agreed

A participant negotiates a cancellation agreement with the provider where the provider can claim for cancellations if less than 48 hours notice was given. A one-hour support is scheduled for 10am Tuesday following a public holiday Monday. The participant cancels at 10am Friday.

A short-notice cancellation would be claimable, as this would be in line with the agreement with the participant.

NDIA Requested Reports

Providers can only claim from a participant's plan for a NDIA Requested Report if all of the following conditions are met:

- The *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits* indicates that providers can claim for NDIA Requested Reports in respect of that support item and the proposed charges for the activities comply with the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*; and
- The provider has the agreement of the participant in advance (i.e., the service agreement with the participant should specify that NDIA Requested Reports can be claimed); and
- The report is requested by the NDIA.

A report is considered to have been requested by the NDIA if it is a report that is required at the commencement of a plan that outlines plan objectives and goals, or at plan review that measures functional outcomes against the originally stipulated goals, or that makes recommendations for ongoing needs (informal, community, mainstream or funded supports). Providers may also claim for other NDIA-requested therapy report that is stipulated as being required in a participant's plan.

Claims for NDIS requested reports should be made using the relevant support item, using the "NDIA Report" option in the myplace portal.

Claiming for Activity Based Transport

Activity Based Transport – Social, Economic and Community Participation Supports

Providers of supports in the Assistance with Social, Economic and Community Participation Support Category ("community participation supports") can, at the request of a participant, transport a participant to, or from, or as part of, a community participation support. In these cases, the provider is entitled, with the agreement of the participant, to bill the participant's plan for the time that support workers spend providing the transport support (as part of the community participation support). They are also entitled to bill for any non-labour costs associated with transporting the participant (again, as part of the community participation support).

The worker's time can be claimed at the agreed hourly rate for the relevant support item for the total time the worker provides support to one or more participants, including time spent accompanying and/or transporting the participant. Where a provider is transporting two or more participants on the same trip, the worker's time should be apportioned amongst participants. This claim should be made using the relevant community participation support item and against the participant's core budget.

If a provider incurs costs, in addition to the cost of a worker's time, when accompanying and/or transporting participants in the community (such as road tolls, parking fees and the running costs of the vehicle), they may negotiate with the participant for them to make a reasonable contribution towards these costs. The following is a guide as to what these contributions might be:

- For a vehicle that is **not** modified for accessibility, up to \$0.99 a kilometre;
- For a vehicle that is modified for accessibility or a bus, up to \$2.76 a kilometre;
- For other forms of transport or associated costs, such as road tolls, parking, and public transport fares, up to the full amount.

Support items

These non-labour costs should be claimed against the relevant activity-based transport support item. These support items can be delivered to individual participants and to groups of participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*. Where a provider is transporting two or more participants on the same trip, these additional costs should be apportioned amongst participants, with the agreement of each participant in advance.

These support items are not subject to price limits. See page 17 for further information on how to claim for support items that are not subject to a price limit.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
04_590_0125_6_1	Activity Based Transport	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
04_591_0136_6_1	Activity Based Transport	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
04_592_0104_6_1	Activity Based Transport	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
04_821_0133_6_1	Activity Based Transport	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00

Activity Based Transport – Capacity Building Supports

Providers of the following capacity building support items are also, with the agreement of a participant, permitted to claim for Activity Based Transport when delivering those supports.

Registration Group	Support Category	Support Number	Support Name
102 – Assistance to Access and Maintain Employment or Higher Education	Finding and keeping a job	10_016_0102_5_3	Employment Support
	Improved learning	13_030_0102_4_3	Transition Through School And To Further Education
106 – Assistance In Coordinating Or Managing Life Stages, Transitions And Supports	Improved living arrangements	08_005_0106_2_3	Assistance With Accommodation And Tenancy Obligations
	Increased social and community participation	09_006_0106_6_3	Life Transition Planning Incl. Mentoring, Peer-Support And Individual Skill Develop
	Support Coordination	07_101_0106_6_3 to 07_105_0106_6_3	Psychosocial Recovery Coaching
117 – Development Of Daily Living And Life Skills	Increased social and community participation	09_009_0117_6_3	Skills Development And Training
	Improved relationships	11_024_0117_7_3	Individual Social Skills Development

Support items

These support items can be delivered to individual participants or groups of participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*. Where a provider is transporting two or more participants on the same trip, these additional costs should be apportioned amongst participants, with the agreement of each participant in advance.

These support items are not subject to price limits. See page 17 for further information on how to claim for support items that are not subject to a price limit.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
07_501_0106_6_3	Activity Based Transport	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
08_590_0106_2_3	Activity Based Transport	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
09_590_0106_6_3	Activity Based Transport	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
09_591_0117_6_3	Activity Based Transport	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
10_590_0102_5_3	Activity Based Transport	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
10_590_0133_5_3	Activity Based Transport	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
11_590_0117_7_3	Activity Based Transport	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
13_590_0102_4_3	Activity Based Transport	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00

Example – Activity Based Transport

A provider has agreed to deliver a support in the Assistance with Social, Economic and Community Participation Support Category to a participant and the participant has requested that the provider transport the participant from their home to a local swimming pool and back again, as part of that support.

The transport by a non-disability modified vehicle takes 25 minutes to arrive at the swimming pool, including the time to assist the participant to and from the vehicle and getting them set up to participate in the activity. The support worker accompanies the participant in the vehicle. They then provide 40 minutes of support to the participant at the pool. Afterwards, they spend 20 minutes returning the participant to their home by the same vehicle. The pool is 10 kilometres from the participant's home.

The provider and participant have agreed an hourly rate of \$50.00, which is below the price limit for this item. This amount also applies to the support worker's time when transporting participants.

The provider and participant have also agreed for the provider to claim for the activity-based transport costs, which in this case they have agreed are the support worker's car park fee (\$4.50) and vehicle running costs at a rate as agreed with the participant of \$0.85 a kilometre (2x10 km) against support line item

The provider's claim for the support will be claimed in the Portal as:

- \$70.83 for the 40 minutes of direct support at the swimming pool and 45 minutes transport time against support item 04_104_0125_6_1;
- \$21.50 for the non-labour costs of the activity-based transport against the support item 04_590_0125_6_1.

Note: The provider may also be able to make a claim for the time taken by the worker to travel to the participant before the support commences (see the discussion of Provider Travel above).

Regional, Remote and Very Remote Areas

Different pricing arrangements can apply depending on whether a support is delivered in a regional remote or very remote area.

Modified Monash Model

To determine whether a support is being delivered in a regional remote or very remote area the NDIA uses a modification of the Modified Monash Model (MMM). From the 24 November 2025, the 2023 version of the MMM will be used by the NDIS.

The MMM determines regional, remote and very remote areas using a scale based on population size and locality (see table below).

Description	NDIA Zone	MMM	Inclusion
Metropolitan	MMM 1	1	All areas categorised as Major Cities of Australia in the Australian Bureau of Statistics Australian Statistical Geography Standard – Remoteness Areas (ASGS-RA) framework (see the ABS website: http://www.abs.gov.au/).
Regional Centres	MMM 2-3	2	Areas categorised as Inner Regional Australia or Outer Regional Australia in the ASGS-RA that are in, or within 20km road distance, of a town with population >50,000.
		3	Areas categorised as Inner Regional Australia or Outer Regional Australia in the ASGS-RA that are not in MM 2 and are in, or within 15km road distance, of a town with population between 15,000 and 50,000.
Regional Areas	MMM 4-5	4	Areas categorised as Inner Regional Australia or Outer Regional Australia in the ASGS-RA that are not in MM 2 or MM 3, and are in, or within 10km road distance, of a town with population between 5,000 and 15,000.
		5	All other areas categorised as Inner Regional Australia or Outer Regional Australia in the ASGS-RA, except areas on islands that have a population of less than 1,000 and are not classified as MM2, MM3 or MM4.
Remote	MMM 6	6	All areas categorised as Remote Australia in the ASGS-RA, except areas on a populated island that is separated from the mainland and is more than 5km offshore; and Areas categorised as Inner Regional Australia or Outer Regional Australia in the ASGS-RA that are islands that have a population of less than 1,000 and are not otherwise classified.
Very Remote	MMM 7	7	All other areas – that being areas classified as Very Remote Australia in the ASGS-RA, and areas on a populated island that is separated from the mainland in the ABS geography and is more than 5km offshore.

Providers and participants can determine the MMM rating of a location using the Health Workforce Locator tool on the Department of Health's website: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/health-workforce-locator#hwc-map>.

Isolated Towns Modification

The NDIA modifies the Modified Monash Model classification of some locations. Where a location is surrounded by Remote or Very Remote areas then the NDIA classifies that enclave as a Remote area for planning and pricing purposes. The following table sets out the enclaves that the NDIA has reclassified.

NDIA Enclave	Postcode	Location Name	State	MMM Rating	NDIS MMM Rating
Balranald	2715	Balranald	NSW	5	6
Broken Hill	2880	Broken Hill	NSW	3	6
Hay	2711	Hay, Hay South	NSW	5	6
Ravenswood/Warren	2824	Ravenswood, Warren	NSW	5	6
Cardwell	4849	Cardwell	QLD	5	6
Charters Towers	4820	Queenton, Charters Towers City, Alabama Hill, Breddan, Broughton, Grand Secret, Millchester, Mosman Park, Richmond Hill, Southern Cross, Toll, Towers Hill	QLD	4	6
Dysart	4745	Dysart	QLD	5	6
Emerald	4702	Bluff, Comet, Jellinbah	QLD	5	6
	4717	Blackwater	QLD	5	6
	4720	Emerald	QLD	4	6
Moranbah	4741	Coppabella	QLD	5	6
	4744	Moranbah	QLD	4	6
Roma	4455	Roma	QLD	4	6
Greater Geraldton	6528	Mount Hill, South Greenough, Walkaway	WA	5	6
	6530	Beachlands, Beresford, Bluff Point, Geraldton, Geraldton Dc, Karloo, Mahomets Flats, Meru, Moresby, Mount Tarcoola, Rangeway, Spalding, Strathalbyn, Sunset Beach, Tarcoola Beach, Utakarra, Waggrakine, Wandina, Webberton, West End, Wonthella, Woorree	WA	3	6
	6532	Bootenal, Bringo, Buller, Burma Road, Cape Burney, Deepdale, Drummond Cove, Durawah, East Chapman, Ellendale, Eradu, Eradu South, Georgina, Glenfield, Greenough, Howatharra, Kojarena, Minnenooka, Moonyoonooka, Mount Erin, Nanson, Narngulu, Narra Tarra, North Eradu, Northern Gully, Oakajee, Rudds Gully, Sandsprings, Tibbradden, Valentine, White Peak, Wicherina, Wicherina South, Yetna	WA	3	6
	6535	Alma, Bowes, East Bowes, Isseka, Northampton	WA	5	6
Irwin	6525	Allanooka, Arrowsmith, Bookara, Bonniefield, Dongara, Irwin, Milo, Mount Adams, Mount Horner, Port Denison, Springfield, Yardarino	WA	5	6
Mingenew	6522	Bundanoon, Holmwood, Ikewa, Lockier, Mingenew, Mooriary, Mount Budd, Nangetty, Yandanooka, Yarragadee	WA	5	6
Kambalda	6442	Kambalda West, Kambalda East	WA	5	6
Kalgoorlie	6430	Broadwood, Hannans, Kalgoorlie, Karlkurla, Lamington, Mullingar, Piccadilly, Somerville, South Kalgoorlie, West Kalgoorlie, West Lamington, Williamstown	WA	3	6
	6432	Boulder, South Boulder, Victory Heights	WA	3	6
Merredin	6415	Merredin	WA	5	6
Gunbalanya	0822	Gunbalanya	NT	6	7

Pricing Arrangements in Regional, Remote and Very Remote Areas

In general, price limits are 40% higher in Remote areas and 50% higher in Very Remote areas. There is no additional loading applied for supports in Metropolitan areas, Regional Centres or Regional Areas. However, some different pricing arrangements do apply in Regional Areas (MMM4-5) as set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

When a support is provided directly to a participant, and the worker delivering the support is at the same location as the participant, the price limit that applies to the support is determined by the location of the participant at the time of service. For example, if a participant living in a Remote location visits a provider to receive a service, the support is subject to the price limit that applies to that location – not the Remote price limit.

When a support is provided directly to a participant via telehealth, the price limit that applies to the support should, in general, be the price limit that would apply if the participant was receiving the support at the place that the person who is delivering the support is located at the time of service. However, participants in Remote or Very Remote areas can agree that those price limits should apply to the support if they are satisfied that the support provides value for money.

When a support is not provided directly (for example, **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision or NDIA Requested Reports**) then the price limit that applies to the support is the price limit that would apply if the participant was receiving the support at the place that the person who is delivering the support is located at the time of service delivery.

Claiming for Group-Based Supports

When a support item is delivered to more than one person at the same time (a group of people) then, unless the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits* states otherwise, the price limit for each participant is the applicable price limit set out in the relevant support table divided by the number of people in the group. Providers should make a claim for each participant using the relevant support item. Each claim should be for the total time of the support but is subject to the lower price limit as set out above.

Providers can only claim for supports that are related to the reasonable and necessary needs of a participant. Where a participant attends a group-based session then a provider should only claim for the time of more than one worker against that participant's plan if all those workers were involved in the direct support of the participant for the time claimed.

Programs of Support

A provider of group-based supports in any of the following categories can enter into an agreement with a participant for a "program of support", especially where the program is towards the achievement of a specified outcome:

- Any support in the Assistance in Shared Living Arrangements – Supported Independent Living section of the *Assistance with Daily Life* Support Category;
- Any support in the *Assistance with Social, Economic and Community Participation* Support Category, including Supports in Employment; and
- Any support in any Capacity Building Support Category.

Under this approach, providers claim against the plans of all the participants who had agreed to attend an instance of support in the program of support as though they had attended (whether or not they did) – as long as the provider had the capacity to deliver the support. Supports delivered as part of a program of supports are not subject to the short notice cancellation rules.

Note: Providers in Registration Group 0118 (Early Intervention Supports for Early Childhood) can include 1:1 supports in a program of support but only where these are provided in combination with group supports.

Programs of support must be no longer than six months (unless specifically allowed for in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*; where a Program of Support is longer than 12 weeks, providers must ensure that participants have an opportunity to regularly review their program of support. Participants must be able to exit from a program of supports without cost, subject to a notice period of no more than two (2) weeks. Providers and participants can agree to a new Program of Support at any time.

Where a participant stops attending an agreed program of support but does not provide a notice, a provider may only continue claiming for a total of four (4) consecutive weeks from when the participant stopped attending. This is considered an unplanned exit. A provider is not able to continue to claim past four (4) consecutive weeks of non-attendance, unless the participant notifies the provider during that period that they wish to continue in the Program of Support.

Providers who offer programs of support must enter into an agreement with each participant specifying the program of support, including its length, exit rules and intended outcomes. These agreements must be consistent with the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*. In particular, providers cannot pre-claim for programs of support. Each instance of support in the program of support has to be delivered before the provider can claim for that instance of support.

Claiming for Centre Capital Costs

A provider delivering supports in one of the following Registration Groups can claim an additional amount for the costs of running and maintaining a facility (Centre) through the relevant Centre Capital Cost support item when a support item ("the primary support") in the *Assistance with Social, Economic and Community Participation* Support Category is delivered in the facility:

- High Intensity Daily Personal Activities (0104);
- Specialised Supported Employment (0133); and
- Group and Centre Based Activities (0136).

If the primary support is being delivered to a group of participants, then the provider can claim up to price limit of the relevant Centre Capital Cost support item in respect of each of the participants for each hour of the support.

When a support is delivered partially in a Centre and partially in the Community, and the Centre is available at all times during the support if required, then providers can claim up to the price limit for the relevant Centre Capital Cost support item for the entire period of the support.

The Centre Capital Cost support items can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, this support item can be used to claim for:

- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**

These support items are subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
04_599_0104_6_1	Centre Capital Cost	Hour	\$2.59	\$3.63	\$3.89
04_599_0133_5_1	Centre Capital Cost	Hour	\$2.59	\$3.63	\$3.89
04_599_0136_6_1	Centre Capital Cost	Hour	\$2.59	\$3.63	\$3.89
10_599_0133_5_3	Centre Capital Cost	Hour	\$2.59	\$3.63	\$3.89

Claiming for Establishment Fees for Personal Care/Participation Supports

These support items recognise the otherwise non-claimable costs that providers face in establishing arrangements with participants. They can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*

These support items are claimable by a provider who assists a participant with the implementation of their NDIS Plan, who has made an agreement with the participant to supply a minimum of 20 hours per month for three or more consecutive months of:

- **Personal Care Supports** – that is, supports in the Activities of Daily Living Support Category that are delivered by providers in the Registration Groups:
 - Daily Personal Activities (0107); or
 - High Intensity Daily Personal Activities (0104); or
- **Participation Supports** – that is, supports in the Social, Economic and Community Participation Support Category delivered by providers in the Registration Groups:
 - Participation in Community, Social and Civic Activities (0125); or
 - Group and Centre Based Activities (0136); or

- High Intensity Daily Personal Activities (0104) when delivered for community access or group supports; or
- Specialised Supported Employment (0133).

Each provider can only claim an Establishment Fee in respect of a participant once across all plans. If a provider delivers services to a participant through more than one Registration Group or more than one Support Category, they can only claim for one Establishment Fee, and only if they meet the other requirements set out above. More than one provider is able to claim an Establishment Fee against a given plan as long as each provider meets the relevant requirements.

These support items are subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_049_0104_1_1	Establishment Fee for Personal Care/Participation	Each	\$702.30	\$983.22	\$1053.45
01_049_0107_1_1	Establishment Fee for Personal Care/Participation	Each	\$702.30	\$983.22	\$1053.45
04_049_0104_1_1	Establishment Fee for Personal Care/Participation	Each	\$702.30	\$983.22	\$1053.45
04_049_0125_1_1	Establishment Fee for Personal Care/Participation	Each	\$702.30	\$983.22	\$1053.45
04_049_0136_1_1	Establishment Fee for Personal Care/Participation	Each	\$702.30	\$983.22	\$1053.45
04_049_0133_5_1	Establishment Fee for Personal Care/Participation	Each	\$702.30	\$983.22	\$1053.45

Claiming for Irregular SIL Supports

Irregular SIL Supports are intermittent or unplanned events that disrupt supports initially planned for in the SIL plan budget. Examples of situations where Irregular SIL Supports would be required include a participant falling ill or the cancellation of a day program, so that participants are in their home and require SIL supports for a period that was not initially planned and rostered for.

Claims for Irregular SIL supports are made using the relevant support item, using the “Irregular SIL Support” option in the myplace portal.

SIL Providers are only permitted to claim from a participant’s plan for Irregular SIL Supports if all of the following conditions are met:

- The *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits* indicates that providers can claim for Irregular SIL Supports in respect of that support item;
- The proposed charges for the activities comply with the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*;
- Where the SIL activity does not sit within the definition of a Regular SIL Supports;
- The provider works with the participant and/or their nominee to explain why Irregular SIL Supports are required, and the other options available; and
- The provider has agreement from the participant and/or their nominee to claim for the support before a payment request is made (i.e., the service agreement between the participant and the provider should specify that Irregular SIL Supports can be claimed when required).

In contrast, Regular SIL supports (claimed as Direct Services) are considered as those planned for as part of a usual week in the SIL plan budget, via an agreement with the participant and provider based on the levels of care that can be provided within the approved SIL budget.

The SIL Operational Guideline provides more detail about the types of services that are included and excluded from the provision of SIL supports.

Claiming for more than one worker or therapist

Sometimes a participant requires assistance from more than one worker or therapist at the same time. In these cases, the provider is entitled to bill for the time spent providing the support by all workers and therapists involved in delivering the support. Examples of cases where this may occur include:

- Shadow shifts that allow new workers to be introduced to a participant who has complex individual support needs so that they can understand their support needs and patterns;
- Supervision of, or specific training for, therapy assistants by the supervising therapist as part of the handover of the support delivery to the participant by the therapist to the therapy assistant;
- Case conferences between therapists about the specific support needs of a participant.

Shadow Shifts

Shadow shifts may be claimed where the participant has complex individual support needs that are best met by introducing a new worker to the participant before it is reasonable that they commence providing the support independently – for example, where the specific individual support needs

include very limited communication; behaviour support needs; and/or medical needs/procedures such as ventilation or Home Enteral Nutrition (HEN).

Where the individual would require shadow shifts to assist with the introduction of new workers, and this is the desired method by the participant or their family, the provider may claim for up to 6 hours of weekday support per year.

Supervision / Specific Training for Therapy Assistants

Level 1 Therapy Assistants can only deliver support under the direct supervision of a therapist. Level 2 Therapy Assistants can deliver supports under indirect supervision but may require specific training in the needs of the participant from the therapist before they take responsibility for the delivery of the therapy.

In these cases, it is appropriate for the provider to bill for the time spent by both the therapist and the therapy assistant. This arrangement can represent value for money for the participant compared to the alternative of all supports being delivered by the supervising therapists.

Case Conferences for Therapists

Therapists, especially in rural and remote areas, may benefit from a case conference with other therapists about the specific care needs of a participant. In these cases, it is appropriate for the provider to bill for the time spent by all therapists on the case conference.

Other Considerations

Supports must be Reasonable and Necessary

The NDIS provides funding to participants for supports and services aimed at increasing their independence, inclusion, and social and economic participation.

Supports funded by the NDIS need to:

- Be related to the participant's disability;
- Not include day-to-day living costs that are not related to a participant's disability support needs;
- Represent value for money; and
- Be likely to be effective and beneficial to the participant.

Providers should not claim for supports from a participant's plan where the support is not in line with the participant's goals, objectives and aspirations as set out in their plan or where the support is not reasonable and necessary. Providers should also not claim for supports from a participant's plan where the support is more appropriately funded or provided through other service systems. Further information on when a support is considered reasonable and necessary can be found on the NDIS website: <https://www.ndis.gov.au/providers/becoming-ndis-provider/am-i-ready/supports-and-services-funded-ndis>.

Medicare and Insurance

Some elements of a participant's care may be covered by funds outside the NDIS. These expenses are commonly medical, including those covered by private health insurance or Medicare. These medical expenses are not funded under the NDIS, even if they are related to, or a symptom

of, the disability. These expenses should be claimed under the relevant health care scheme or insurance policy. Some providers (e.g., therapists) may need to distinguish between the health services and disability supports that they provide to a single client, and make separate payment claims to, for example, Medicare and the NDIS.

Expenses Related to Recreational Pursuits

Providers should not claim payment from participant's plans for:

- Expenses related to recreational pursuits, such as event tickets for the participant, as they are not covered by the NDIS; or
- The cost of entry for a paid support worker to attend a social or recreational event.

Prepayments

In general, Registered Providers can only make a claim for payment once a service booking has been created and the support has been delivered or provided.

For higher cost supports, the cost of the support may be claimed in stages in some circumstances, and before the support is finally delivered to the participant.

Prepayments represent funds paid in advance of the provider delivering the agreed support to the participant. Sometimes providers require prepayment(s) as collateral and/or to cover their expenses to source, build or tailor the support to meet the participant's unique needs.

In general, prepayments should only be sought where a business will incur unrecoverable costs should delivery of the support to the requesting participant not proceed (e.g., a custom-made support).

Prepayments are subject to all the following conditions:

- The support item is an assistive technology (including vehicle modification), or a home modification;
- The support item value exceeds \$1,500 or is custom made to address the participant's disability related requirements, and a valid quote has been provided and accepted by the participant (or their nominee);
- a service agreement between the provider and participant (or nominee) outlines the requirement of a prepayment (e.g., deposit) or milestone payments, in line with normal business practice; and
- The final payment of **not less than 10% of the total cost**, may not be claimed until the participant has received the support ready for use.

A participant is entitled to a refund of any balance of prepayment(s) less the actual unrecoverable expense incurred by the business to that point when supply is terminated. The participant remains fully entitled to their rights under Australian Consumer Law in all circumstances.

Prepayments can be claimed by providers for a support where that support is specifically identified as eligible for prepayments in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*. Other supports may be eligible for prepayment where the NDIA has given prior written approval (including conditions) to the registered provider to claim for prepayments.

Subscription services

In some cases, a provider may claim for a service agreed with a participant using a subscription model of payment. In these cases, the participant is paying to be able to use that service (on the terms/hours agreed) for the period of the subscription. **Subscriptions may only be used for the supply of the following supports: Consumables (Support Category 03) and Assistive Technology (Support Category 05).**

Providers wanting to claim for a subscription-based service must make sure that:

- A plain English service agreement has been accepted by the participant, that makes clear to the participant the service and its costs (including any extra fees), as well as reasonable exit conditions.
- The maximum price limit for a subscription is \$5,000 per annum.
- Subscriptions are to be charged monthly (paid at or before the start of the service period). Small subscriptions, where the annual cost is not more than \$1,500, may be charged less frequently (quarterly or annually). For example, if a subscription service cost \$199 per year, it could be charged for just once per year.
- There are no penalties (for example exit fees) should a participant wish to cancel a subscription (with reasonable one month's notice) on or prior to the end of the paid subscription period.
- Invoices for the subscription to be paid, clearly describe the supports for the participant to be delivered/available during the subscription period. For monthly subscriptions, participants may agree in writing to be billed quarterly (in advance of the quarter) but must be refunded any unused months if they cancel the subscription with due notice (as stated above).

High value subscription claiming applies where the bundle of available Assistive Technology Products that a participant can access at any time is more than \$15,000.

Under high value AT, all the conditions of the subscription services apply, with exception to the maximum price limit, which is set to \$10,000 per annum.

Additional payments are permitted for high value AT subscriptions as follows:

- a) freight and in-home technical setup costs may be claimed at the commencement of the subscription;
- b) removal, and return to provider's agent nearest to the participant's residence, of the supplied AT at the end of the subscription (which may coincide with the death of the participant); and
- c) each such claim under a) or b) shall not exceed one (1) month's subscription fee or \$600, whichever is less.

Co-payments for Capital items, including Assistive Technology

In general, providers are not permitted to request a co-payment by the participant for a support. However, where a participant would like a customisation to a support or assistive technology that is not considered reasonable or necessary, they are required to pay for these themselves. These may include an aesthetic customisation to an assistive technology or modifications to a vehicle that are additional to the assistive components.

Other Fees and Charges

All registered providers must not add any other charge to the cost of the supports they provide to any participant, such as credit card surcharges, or any additional fees including any 'gap' fees, late payment fees or cancellation fees, unless otherwise permitted by the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*. Participants are generally not required to pay exit fees, even when changing provider's part way through a plan. A core principle of the NDIS is choice and control for participants, allowing them to change providers without expense.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Many, but not all, NDIA supports provided to NDIS participants are GST-free. Further information about the NDIS and GST can be accessed on the Australian Taxation Office website: www.ato.gov.au/businesses-and-organisations/gst-excise-and-indirect-taxes/gst/in-detail/your-industry/gst-and-health/national-disability-insurance-scheme. Providers should seek independent legal or financial advice if they require assistance with tax law compliance. If GST is applicable to a support, the price limit is inclusive of GST.

Special NDIS Pricing Arrangements

High Intensity Supports

A support is considered High Intensity if it is provided to a participant that is one or more of the supports set out in Schedule 2 - Module 1: High intensity daily personal activities of the *National Disability Insurance Scheme (Provider Registration and Practice Standards) Rules 2018*:

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/F2018L00631/latest/text>.

Implementing Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports

A support is considered Intensive and Complex Behaviour Support if it is implemented with a participant who, during the course of service provision:

1. displays frequent behaviours of concern that have a significant effect on their or others' wellbeing and safety; and
2. requires intensive support and the implementation of intensive proactive strategies (frequent/daily), skill development, and response strategies, which may include the use of restrictive practices to minimise the risk of harm to themselves or others; and
3. may, or is likely to, be experiencing other issues that exacerbate or increase the complexity of their behaviour support needs.

To deliver this support to a participant the provider must:

- be implementing behaviour support (as described above) with the participant and in accordance with their interim or comprehensive behaviour support plan; and
- be registered and assessed for Module 2A (Implementing Behaviour Support Plans); or
- have submitted a registration amendment application or new registration application to the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission including a completed audit assessment against Module 2A by 30 June 2025.

Note: plan managed participants must use a provider who has completed Module 2A during the provision of intensive and complex behaviour supports or when delivering restrictive practices.

Disability-Related Health Supports

The NDIS will fund disability-related health supports where these supports directly relate to a participant's significant and permanent functional impairment and assist them to undertake activities of daily living. These supports are provided individually to participants and can be provided in a range of environments, including, but not limited to, the participant's own home.

Participants are not permitted to claim for health supports from their plans when those health supports do not relate to their disability and when they do not require health supports on a regular basis. Those health supports will continue to be provided by the health system. Additionally, if a participant's support needs become acute, that support should be provided in a hospital or another health setting by the relevant state/territory health care system or private health system and not be claimed from the participant's plan.

The list below provides an indication of the majority of disability-related health supports that may be required by NDIS participants; however, it is not an exhaustive list. Disability-related health supports are expected to assist in areas such as:

- **Dysphagia:** for participants who have trouble eating, drinking or swallowing on a daily basis.

- **Respiratory:** for participants requiring help with their breathing and maintenance of their respiratory health, including any associated care, comfort, planning or supports
- **Nutrition:** for participants requiring help with the way they eat or understanding the food they need.
- **Diabetes:** for participants who have daily problems with how much sugar is in their blood.
- **Continence:** for participants who need daily assistance with toileting (bladder and bowel).
- **Wound & Pressure Care:** for participants who need daily wound and pressure care (resulting from pressure wounds or swollen limbs).
- **Podiatry:** for participants who require help looking after their feet, ankles and lower limbs.
- **Epilepsy:** for participants who need daily help managing the way epilepsy affects the way their brain and nerves work.
- **Botox and Splinting:** It is unlikely Botox and splinting supports will be reasonable and necessary to include in a plan, as these are generally provided in a clinical setting.

Five types of disability-related health supports have been identified in the *NDIS Support Catalogue*:

- Provision of Disability-Related Health Supports by Disability Support Workers – these supports should be claimed using the standard Daily Personal Activities and High Intensity Daily Personal Activities support items;
- Assessment, planning and the provision of Disability-Related Health Supports by therapists these supports should be claimed using the standard early childhood and Therapy support items;
- Assessment, planning and the provision of Disability-Related Health Supports by nurses – these supports should be claimed using the new nursing support items;
- Consumables related to Disability Related Health Supports – these supports should be claimed using the new Low-Cost or High-Cost Disability Related Health Consumables support line items; and
- Assistive Technology related to Disability Related Health Supports – these supports should be claimed using the new Disability Related Health Assistive Technology support line items.

Core – Assistance with Daily Life

This support category relates to assisting with or supervising personal tasks of daily life to enable the participant to live as autonomously as possible. These supports are provided individually to participants and can be provided in a range of environments, including the participant's own home.

Daily Personal Activities

Assistance with Self Care Activities

These support items provide a participant with assistance with, or supervision of, personal tasks of daily life to develop skills of the participant to live as autonomously as possible.

These support items can be delivered to individual participants or to groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**

Providers of these supports can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 01_799_0107_1_1.

These support items are subject to price limits as set out in the following table. Different price limits apply depending on the **Time of Day and Day of Week** when the support is delivered or **Implementing Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports**.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_011_0107_1_1	Assistance With Self-Care Activities - Standard - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$70.23	\$98.32	\$105.35
01_015_0107_1_1	Assistance With Self-Care Activities - Standard - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$77.38	\$108.33	\$116.07
01_002_0107_1_1	Assistance With Self-Care Activities - Standard - Weekday Night	Hour	\$78.81	\$110.33	\$118.22
01_013_0107_1_1	Assistance With Self-Care Activities - Standard - Saturday	Hour	\$98.83	\$138.36	\$148.25
01_014_0107_1_1	Assistance With Self-Care Activities - Standard - Sunday	Hour	\$127.43	\$178.40	\$191.15
01_012_0107_1_1	Assistance With Self-Care Activities - Standard - Public Holiday	Hour	\$156.03	\$218.44	\$234.05
01_450_0107_1_1	Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$75.98	\$106.37	\$113.97
01_451_0107_1_1	Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$83.72	\$117.21	\$125.58
01_452_0107_1_1	Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports - Saturday	Hour	\$106.93	\$149.70	\$160.40
01_453_0107_1_1	Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports - Sunday	Hour	\$137.87	\$193.02	\$206.81
01_454_0107_1_1	Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports - Public Holiday	Hour	\$168.81	\$236.33	\$253.22
01_455_0107_1_1	Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports - Weekday Night	Hour	\$85.27	\$119.38	\$127.91

Assistance with Self Care Activities – Night-Time Sleepover Support

This support item provides a participant with assistance with, or supervision of, personal tasks of daily life where overnight support is needed, but the caregiver can sleep when not required to provide support. This support applies to any day of the week and on public holidays. This support item includes up to two hours of active supports provided to the participant for the duration of the period. Providers may claim for the third or additional hour at Saturday rates on weekdays, or at applicable rates on other days (Saturdays, Sundays or Public Holidays).

This support item can be delivered to individual participants or to groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, this support item can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 01_799_0107_1_1.

This support item is subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_010_0107_1_1	Assistance with Self-Care Activities - Night-Time Sleepover	Each	\$297.60	\$416.64	\$446.40

Assistance from Live-in Carer

This support item provides for a person who lives in the house of, or travels with the participant and provides assistance with, and/or supervision of, personal tasks of daily life to develop skills of the participant to live as autonomously as possible. It can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

This support item is subject to quotation. It should only be used if it is a stated item in a plan.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_003_0107_1_1	Assistance from Live-In Carer	Hour	N/A	N/A	N/A

Assistance with Personal Domestic Activities

This support item assists a participant to undertake or develop skills to maintain their home environment where the participant owns their own home or has sole or substantial responsibility for its maintenance. Includes assisting participant to do basic house and yard work.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, this support item can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 2 clear business days**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 01_799_0107_1_1.

This support item is subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_004_0107_1_1	Assistance with Personal Domestic Activities	Hour	\$59.06	\$82.68	\$88.59

On-Call Overnight Monitoring

This support item provides for overnight on-call assistance (either onsite or off-site) with, or supervision of, personal tasks of daily living. It applies to any day of the week and on public holidays. This support item is for an eight-hour period and includes up to one hour of active support provided to the participant for the duration of the period.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

This support item is subject to quotation. It should only be used if it is a stated item in a plan.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_017_0107_1_1	On-Call Overnight Monitoring-Off Site or Onsite (Includes 1 hour of assistance)	Each	N/A	N/A	N/A

High Intensity Daily Personal Activities

Assistance with Self Care Activities

These support items provide a participant with a need for **High Intensity Supports** with assistance with, or supervision of, personal tasks of daily life to develop skills of the participant to live as autonomously as possible.

These support items can be delivered to individual participants or to groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**

Providers of these supports can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 01_799_0104_1_1.

These support items are subject to price limits as set out in the following table. Different price limits apply depending on the **Time of Day and Day of Week** when the support is delivered.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_400_0104_1_1	Assistance With Self-Care Activities - High Intensity - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$75.98	\$106.37	\$113.97
01_401_0104_1_1	Assistance With Self-Care Activities - High Intensity - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$83.72	\$117.21	\$125.58
01_405_0104_1_1	Assistance With Self-Care Activities - High Intensity - Weekday Night	Hour	\$85.27	\$119.38	\$127.91

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_402_0104_1_1	Assistance With Self-Care Activities - High Intensity - Saturday	Hour	\$106.93	\$149.70	\$160.40
01_403_0104_1_1	Assistance With Self-Care Activities - High Intensity - Sunday	Hour	\$137.87	\$193.02	\$206.81
01_404_0104_1_1	Assistance With Self-Care Activities - High Intensity - Public Holiday	Hour	\$168.81	\$236.33	\$253.22

Specialised Home-Based Assistance for a Child

This support item provides specialist assistance in the home that is required due to additional requirements of a child's disability and may be provided to strengthen the sustainability of informal supports.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, this support item can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 2 clear business days**

Providers of these supports can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 01_799_0104_1_1.

This support item is subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_016_0104_1_1	Specialised Home Based Assistance For A Child	Hour	\$59.06	\$82.68	\$88.59

Assistance with household tasks

Assistance with Household Tasks

These support items enable participants to maintain their home environment. This may involve undertaking essential household tasks that the participant is not able to undertake.

These support items can be delivered to individual participants or to groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 2 clear business days**

Providers of these supports can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 01_799_0120_1_1.

These support items are subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_019_0120_1_1	House or Yard Maintenance • Performing essential house and/or yard activities that the participant is not able to undertake.	Hour	\$56.98	\$79.77	\$85.47
01_020_0120_1_1	House Cleaning And Other Household Activities • Performing essential house cleaning activities that the participant is not able to undertake.	Hour	\$58.03	\$81.24	\$87.05

Linen Service

This support item is for the provision of clean linen to a participant who is unable to do their own laundry without assistance. It can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

This support item is subject to quotation. It should only be used if it is a stated item in a plan.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_021_0120_1_1	Linen Service	Each	N/A	N/A	N/A

Preparation and Delivery of Meals

This support item is for assistance with the cost of the preparation and delivery of food to participants who are unable to do this for themselves, and are not in receipt of other supports that would meet the same need. The cost of the food itself is not covered by the NDIS.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

Participants who have core support funding specified for meal preparation and delivery in their plan can use this support item to claim for meals prepared and delivered. Participants who have funding for support workers to undertake shopping and meal preparation support may use this funding to claim meal preparation and delivery as an alternative for short periods in response to short-term

disruptions (for example, if the participant is required to isolate — refer to *Nutrition Support including Meal Preparation* Guideline for more information).

This support item does not require a quote, is not a stated support, and can be used where meal preparation has been specified as a reasonable and necessary support in a participant's plans with core funding available.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_023_0120_1_1	Assistance with the cost of the preparation and delivery of meals	Each	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00

Assistance with Daily Life Tasks in a Group or Shared Living Arrangement

Assistance in Shared Living Arrangements – Supported Independent Living

Weekly claiming

This support item provides assistance with, or supervision of, tasks of daily life in a shared living environment, with a focus on developing the skills of each individual to live as autonomously as possible. The weekly claim accounts for the package of assistance with daily life supports that will be provided within the funded weekly amount for both shared and individual supports. This bundled support includes all planned supports within a typical week in the shared living environment that is agreed to via a typical schedule of supports. There is no adjustment for weekdays, weekends or public holidays as the weekly amount claimed includes an annualised uplift for public holidays.

This support item is subject to a service agreement between the provider and participant (or nominee) specifying:

- An agreement to claim weekly amounts; and
- The agreed typical schedule of supports to be provided for the weekly amount claimed.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*. **Providers should not use a combination of Weekly and Hourly SIL supports. A provider will either use the Weekly SIL support item or the Hourly SIL support items, but not both methods.**

As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**
- **Claiming for Irregular SIL Supports**

The price limit for this item is the total regular SIL funding specified in the participant's plan, divided by the number of weeks in the plan period. Following the annual indexation of a participant's plan, providers can liaise with participants about the adjusted remaining SIL funds. If the participant agrees, providers can adjust the weekly claim amount based on the number of weeks remaining in the plan and total plan funding available for SIL.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_821_0115_1_1	Assistance in Supported Independent Living - Weekly	Week	As stated in the participant's plan or otherwise agreed in writing with the NDIA.		

Hourly claiming

These support items provide assistance with, or supervision of, tasks of daily life in a shared living environment, with a focus on developing the skills of each individual to live as autonomously as possible. The support is provided to each person living in the shared arrangement in accordance with their need. Support Independent Living does not include rent, board and lodging or other day-to-day usual living expenses such as food and activities. It also does not include the capital costs associated with a participant's accommodation. Further information can be found at the NDIS Supported Independent Living website: <https://www.ndis.gov.au/providers/housing-and-living-supports-and-services/supported-independent-living-provider-guidance>.

These support items can be delivered to individual participants or to groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price*

Limits. Providers should not use a combination of Weekly and Hourly SIL supports. A provider will either use the Weekly SIL support item or the Hourly SIL support items, but not both methods.

As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**
- **Claiming for Irregular SIL Supports**

Providers of these supports can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 01_799_0115_1_1.

These support items are subject to price limits as set out in the following table. Different price limits apply depending on the **Time of Day and Day of Week** on which the support is delivered, and whether the supports are **High Intensity Supports** or **Implementing Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports**.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_801_0115_1_1	Assistance in Supported Independent Living - Standard - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$70.23	\$98.32	\$105.35
01_802_0115_1_1	Assistance in Supported Independent Living - Standard - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$77.38	\$108.33	\$116.07
01_803_0115_1_1	Assistance in Supported Independent Living - Standard - Weekday Night	Hour	\$78.81	\$110.33	\$118.22
01_804_0115_1_1	Assistance in Supported Independent Living - Standard - Saturday	Hour	\$98.83	\$138.36	\$148.25
01_805_0115_1_1	Assistance in Supported Independent Living - Standard - Sunday	Hour	\$127.43	\$178.40	\$191.15
01_806_0115_1_1	Assistance in Supported Independent Living - Standard - Public Holiday	Hour	\$156.03	\$218.44	\$234.05
01_450_0115_1_1	Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$75.98	\$106.37	\$113.97
01_451_0115_1_1	Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$83.72	\$117.21	\$125.58
01_452_0115_1_1	Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports – Saturday	Hour	\$106.93	\$149.70	\$160.40
01_453_0115_1_1	Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports – Sunday	Hour	\$137.87	\$193.02	\$206.81
01_454_0115_1_1	Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports - Public Holiday	Hour	\$168.81	\$236.33	\$253.22
01_455_0115_1_1	Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports - Weekday Night	Hour	\$85.27	\$119.38	\$127.91
01_811_0115_1_1	Assistance in Supported Independent Living - High Intensity - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$75.98	\$106.37	\$113.97
01_812_0115_1_1	Assistance in Supported Independent Living - High Intensity - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$83.72	\$117.21	\$125.58
01_813_0115_1_1	Assistance in Supported Independent Living - High Intensity - Weekday Night	Hour	\$85.27	\$119.38	\$127.91
01_814_0115_1_1	Assistance in Supported Independent Living - High Intensity - Saturday	Hour	\$106.93	\$149.70	\$160.40
01_815_0115_1_1	Assistance in Supported Independent Living - High Intensity - Sunday	Hour	\$137.87	\$193.02	\$206.81
01_816_0115_1_1	Assistance in Supported Independent Living - High Intensity - Public Holiday	Hour	\$168.81	\$236.33	\$253.22
01_832_0115_1_1	Assistance in Supported Independent Living - Night-Time Sleepover	Each	\$297.60	\$416.64	\$446.40

Claiming for Exiting SIL Accommodation permanently where there is an irretrievable breakdown of supports

This support item can be used when a participant exits an accommodation permanently where there is an irretrievable breakdown of supports/relationship which requires an immediate exit due to the participant's personal health and safety, or that of others, is critically compromised.

A provider can claim, via the Portal, this support weekly at the specified weekly rate in the participant's plan subject to the following conditions:

- An agreement is recorded between the provider and participant (or nominee) that details notice periods for any intention to claim for unplanned exit in accordance with the PAPL in the specified circumstances; and
- If a participant provides notice to exit and then exits the SIL arrangement early, then only the remaining period of the notice period can be claimed during the planned notice period.

The Agency strongly recommends that the agreement is in the form of a Service Agreement, however, other written mechanisms may apply. Only one claim for 28 days or 4 weekly claims are permissible per provider during a plan period.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*. **Providers should not use a combination of Weekly and Hourly SIL supports. A provider will either use the Weekly SIL support item or the Hourly SIL support items, but not both methods.**

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_822_0115_1_1	Assistance in Supported Independent Living - Exit Accommodation Permanently	Week	As stated in the participant's plan or otherwise agreed in writing with the NDIA.		

Short Term Accommodation and Assistance (including the provision of respite care)

Standard Support Items

These support items provide integrated support for self-care, accommodation, food and activities in a centre or group residence for short periods. They recognise that, from time to time, participants may require temporary comprehensive supports that are different from their usual arrangements. These are non-typical days and may include Short Term Accommodation (STA) in a group-based facility. They may also include a period of respite, which aims to support ongoing caring arrangements between participants and their carers. STA/respite allows the opportunity for the participant to be supported by someone else whilst providing their carer with short term breaks from their usual caring responsibilities.

The support items include all expenses in a 24-hour period including assistance with self-care or community access activities, accommodation, food and negotiated activities. Typically, this type of support would be used for short periods of up to 14 days at a time (exceptions may be made). For longer-term arrangements, other options are likely to be more appropriate (e.g., Supported Independent Living or Medium Term Accommodation).

In cases where a participant will receive substantially less than 24 hours of assistance with daily personal activities, it may be appropriate for the participant and provider to negotiate a lower price than the maximum price specified in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*, based on the actual hours of support provided. This situation might arise, for example, if a participant enters a STA/respite facility in the evening, and exits again early the following morning. In addition, where a participant enters accommodation late in the day, it may be appropriate to claim the daily rate for the day of the week that the majority of the support is provided.

These support items can be delivered to individual participants or to groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**

These support items are subject to price limits as set out in the following table. Different price limits apply depending on the **Time of Day and Day of Week** that the support is delivered, and the ratio of staff to participants in the facility.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_058_0115_1_1	STA And Assistance (Inc. Respite) - 1:1 - Weekday	Day	\$2,178.57	\$3,050.00	\$3,267.86
01_059_0115_1_1	STA And Assistance (Inc. Respite) - 1:1 - Saturday	Day	\$2,785.13	\$3,899.18	\$4,177.70
01_060_0115_1_1	STA And Assistance (Inc. Respite) - 1:1 - Sunday	Day	\$3,527.69	\$4,938.77	\$5,291.54
01_061_0115_1_1	STA And Assistance (Inc. Respite) - 1:1 - Public Holiday	Day	\$4,270.25	\$5,978.35	\$6,405.38
01_054_0115_1_1	STA And Assistance (Inc. Respite) - 1:2 - Weekday	Day	\$1,198.69	\$1,678.17	\$1,798.04
01_055_0115_1_1	STA And Assistance (Inc. Respite) - 1:2 - Saturday	Day	\$1,501.97	\$2,102.76	\$2,252.96
01_056_0115_1_1	STA And Assistance (Inc. Respite) - 1:2 - Sunday	Day	\$1,873.25	\$2,622.55	\$2,809.88
01_057_0115_1_1	STA And Assistance (Inc. Respite) - 1:2 - Public Holiday	Day	\$2,244.53	\$3,142.34	\$3,366.80
01_062_0115_1_1	STA And Assistance (Inc. Respite) - 1:3 - Weekday	Day	\$872.06	\$1,220.88	\$1,308.09
01_063_0115_1_1	STA And Assistance (Inc. Respite) - 1:3 - Saturday	Day	\$1,074.25	\$1,503.95	\$1,611.38
01_064_0115_1_1	STA And Assistance (Inc. Respite) - 1:3 - Sunday	Day	\$1,321.77	\$1,850.48	\$1,982.66
01_065_0115_1_1	STA And Assistance (Inc. Respite) - 1:3 - Public Holiday	Day	\$1,569.29	\$2,197.01	\$2,353.94

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_045_0115_1_1	STA And Assistance (Inc. Respite) - 1:4 - Weekday	Day	\$708.75	\$992.25	\$1,063.13
01_051_0115_1_1	STA And Assistance (Inc. Respite) - 1:4 - Saturday	Day	\$860.39	\$1,204.55	\$1,290.59
01_052_0115_1_1	STA And Assistance (Inc. Respite) - 1:4 - Sunday	Day	\$1,046.03	\$1,464.44	\$1,569.05
01_053_0115_1_1	STA And Assistance (Inc. Respite) - 1:4 - Public Holiday	Day	\$1,231.67	\$1,724.34	\$1,847.51

Additional Hours Support Items

These support items are for additional support provided at the same time as a Short Term Accommodation (STA) support, where the participant requires 1:1 assistance with self-care activities in addition to the STA support. For example, where the STA support is at the 1:1 support ratio and the participant requires more than one support worker for a period of time, or where the STA is not at the 1:1 rate and the participant requires 1:1 support for a period of time.

These support items can be delivered to individual participants or to groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**

These support items are subject to price limits as set out in the following table. Different price limits apply depending on the **Time of Day and Day of Week** on which the support is delivered.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_200_0115_1_1	Assistance With Self-Care Activities in a STA - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$70.23	\$98.32	\$105.35
01_201_0115_1_1	Assistance With Self-Care Activities in a STA - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$77.38	\$108.33	\$116.07
01_205_0115_1_1	Assistance With Self-Care Activities in a STA - Weekday Night	Hour	\$78.81	\$110.33	\$118.22
01_202_0115_1_1	Assistance With Self-Care Activities in a STA - Saturday	Hour	\$98.83	\$138.36	\$148.25
01_203_0115_1_1	Assistance With Self-Care Activities in a STA - Sunday	Hour	\$127.43	\$178.40	\$191.15
01_204_0115_1_1	Assistance With Self-Care Activities in a STA - Public Holiday	Hour	\$156.03	\$218.44	\$234.05

Medium Term Accommodation (MTA)

This support item covers the accommodation costs of Medium Term Accommodation. The support component of the care should be claimed separately. This support item recognises that there may be cases where a participant will require longer term transitional accommodation before moving into a more permanent home or arrangement (for example, after hospital discharge). Typically, MTA would be used for periods up to 90 days. Participants who stay in MTA are responsible for meeting their own food and everyday living costs from their own income rather than NDIS plan.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, this support item can be used to claim for:

- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**

This support item is subject to a price limit as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_082_0115_1_1	Medium Term Accommodation	Day	\$155.68	\$217.95	\$233.52

Onsite Shared Supports in SDA

This support item assists SDA-eligible participants living in an SDA-enrolled dwelling where onsite shared support arrangements are in place.

This support item provides access to 24/7 assistance for unplanned supports that are not part of a participant's routine daily activities. It includes ad hoc assistance to a participant where incidental or unplanned assistance is required within the SDA dwelling. As a guide, the support provided should not exceed an average of 2.5 hours of direct person-to-person support per day. A participant must be able to wait up to 1 hour for unplanned assistance.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules in this *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*. It should only be used if it is a stated item in a plan.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_066_0115_1_1	Unplanned onsite shared supports in Specialist Disability Accommodation	Week	\$1,542.71	\$2,159.79	\$2,314.07

Other living arrangements

These support items provide for other forms of assistance with daily life tasks in a group or shared living arrangement. They can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

These support items are subject to quotation. They should only be used if they are a stated item in a participant's plan.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_026_0115_1_1	Assistance In Living Arrangements (Host Family/Alternative Family Situation) The host family will have minimum qualifications and provide support in the home for an agreed time.	Day	N/A	N/A	N/A
01_027_0115_1_1	Assistance In A Shared Living Arrangement Daily living support provided in a shared living arrangement.	Each	N/A	N/A	N/A
01_046_0115_1_1	Assistance In Individual Living Arrangement For Person With Complex Needs	Each	N/A	N/A	N/A

Individualised Living Options

These support items introduce new options and alternative ways of living for people with disability. Individualised Living Options (ILOs) are packages of support that are built as a result of holistically considering each individual's preferences, strengths, assets, support requirements, informal and community supports. An ILO is not determined by the home ownership or leasing situation or eligibility for Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) funding. An ILO is the support provided and not the accommodation itself. Further information can be found at the NDIS website: www.ndis.gov.au/participants/home-and-living/individualised-living-options.

Exploration and Design

This support item will help participants explore the Individualised Living Options paradigm and design an option suitable for themselves. Providers delivering this support item will:

- Explore the vision of the participant for their future home and help all involved to understand the full range of options as to how a participant can be supported in the community;
- Gain an understanding of a participant's strengths, with a focus on what they can do, and an understanding of how informal, formal and community supports will play a role in the participant's life, and build on this to design the individual support package;
- Identify strategies to help the participant choose where to live, who to live with and how they are supported;
- Find out what is possible and assess risks in the context of the participant's preferred way of living, and explore if there could be other options that might suit better; and
- Design and make decisions with the participant and others about the options.

Depending on the circumstances, the exploration and design tasks may include assistance to locate suitable housing or linking with other funded or community or mainstream services.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, this support item can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 2 clear business days**
- **NDIA Requested Reports**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 01_799_0106_1_1.

This support item is subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_850_0106_1_1	Individualised Living Options - Exploration and Design	Hour	\$100.14	\$140.19	\$150.21

Support Model

This support item provides an Individualised Living Option to a participant. It can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

The Individualised Living Option is a package of supports that enables participants to achieve their home and living goals. It is made up of a personalised and detailed package of primary and supplementary home and living supports that are used flexibly and combine formal and informal supports such as implemented and managed through partnerships between the participant, their family, or a provider. The package includes resources for monitoring and redesign.

This support item is subject to quotation. It should only be used if it is a stated item in a plan

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_851_0115_1_1	Individualised Living Options - Support Model	Week	N/A	N/A	N/A

Capacity Building and Training in Self-Management and Plan Management

This support item focusses on strengthening the participant's ability to undertake tasks associated with the management of their supports. Providers of these supports are expected to assist the participant to develop their skills for self-management in future plans, where this is possible.

This support assists the participant to strengthen their abilities to self-manage their funds and supports them to build capacity to undertake all aspects of plan administration and management. This includes building organisational skills; engaging providers; enhancing the participant's ability to direct their supports; developing service agreements; building financial skills; maintaining records; paying providers; and claiming payments from the NDIA.

This support intends to complement other capacity building supports to help participants to develop skills to have choice and control over their plan.

This support can be delivered to individual participants or to groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, this support item can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 01_799_0117_8_1.

This support item is subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_134_0117_8_1	Capacity Building and Training in Self-Management and Plan Management	Hour	\$80.06	\$112.08	\$120.09

Disability Related Health Supports

Nursing Supports

These **Disability-Related Health Supports** provide nursing care to respond to the disability-related health needs of a participant where that care is not the usual responsibility of the health system. They have been duplicated into the *Assistance with Daily Life* Support Category so that participants can have greater access to these supports if they need them. See page 99 for further information on these support items.

These support items can be delivered to individual participants or to groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*. In particular:

- The **enrolled nurse** support items should be used when the nurse who delivered the support would be classified as an Enrolled nurse under the Nurses Award 2020 (A.4) if they were classified under that Award. An enrolled nurse is a person who provides nursing care under the direct or indirect supervision of a registered nurse. They have completed the prescribed education preparation, and demonstrated competence to practice under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law as an enrolled nurse in Australia. Enrolled nurses are accountable for their own practice and remain responsible to a registered nurse for the delegated care.
- The **registered nurse** support items should be used when the nurse who delivered the support would be classified as a Registered nurse – level 1 (RN1) under the Nurses Award 2020 (A.5.1) if they were classified under that Award. Under the Award, a registered nurse is a person who has completed the prescribed education preparation, demonstrates competence to practice, and is registered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law as a registered nurse in Australia.
- The **clinical nurse** support items should be used when the nurse who delivered the support would be classified as a Registered nurse – level 2 (RN2) under the Nurses Award 2020 (A.5.2) if they were classified under that Award. Under the Award, a clinical nurse is a more experienced and skilled registered nurse. Duties of a clinical nurse will substantially include, but are not confined to, delivering direct and comprehensive nursing care and individual case management to a specific group of patients or clients in a particular area of nursing practice.
- The **clinical nurse consultant** support items should be used when the nurse who delivered the support would be classified as a Registered nurse – level 3 (RN3) or higher under the Nurses Award 2020 (A.5.3) if they were classified under that Award. Under the Award, a clinical nurse consultant is a nurse practicing in the advanced practice role. Advanced practice nursing is a qualitatively different level of advanced nursing practice to that of the registered nurse due to the additional legislative functions and the regulatory requirements. The requirements include a prescribed educational level, a specified advanced nursing practice experience, and continuing professional development.
- The **nurse practitioner** support items should be used when the nurse who delivered the support would be classified as a Nurse Practitioner under the Nurses Award 2020 (A.7) if they were classified under that Award. Under the Award, a nurse practitioner is an advanced practice nurse endorsed by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia who has direct clinical contact and practices within their scope under the legislatively protected title ‘nurse practitioner’ under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law.

As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 2 clear business days**
- **NDIA Requested Reports**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 01_799_0114_1_1.

These support items are subject to price limits as set out in the following table. Different price limits apply depending on the **Time of Day and Day of Week** and on the **Type of Nurse** who delivers the support.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_600_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by an Enrolled Nurse - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$99.88	\$139.83	\$149.82
01_601_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by an Enrolled Nurse - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$110.18	\$154.25	\$165.27
01_605_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by an Enrolled Nurse - Weekday Night	Hour	\$112.22	\$157.11	\$168.33
01_602_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by an Enrolled Nurse - Saturday	Hour	\$142.48	\$199.47	\$213.72
01_603_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by an Enrolled Nurse - Sunday	Hour	\$163.79	\$229.31	\$245.69
01_604_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by an Enrolled Nurse - Public Holiday	Hour	\$185.08	\$259.11	\$277.62
01_606_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by a Registered Nurse - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$123.65	\$173.11	\$185.48
01_607_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by a Registered Nurse - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$136.41	\$190.97	\$204.62
01_611_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by a Registered Nurse - Weekday Night	Hour	\$138.95	\$194.53	\$208.43
01_608_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by a Registered Nurse - Saturday	Hour	\$176.47	\$247.06	\$264.71
01_609_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by a Registered Nurse - Sunday	Hour	\$202.87	\$284.02	\$304.31
01_610_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by a Registered Nurse - Public Holiday	Hour	\$229.27	\$320.98	\$343.91
01_612_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$143.04	\$200.26	\$214.56
01_613_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$157.77	\$220.88	\$236.66
01_617_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse - Weekday Night	Hour	\$160.73	\$225.02	\$241.10
01_614_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse – Saturday	Hour	\$204.12	\$285.77	\$306.18
01_615_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse – Sunday	Hour	\$234.67	\$328.54	\$352.01
01_616_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse - Public Holiday	Hour	\$265.20	\$371.28	\$397.80
01_618_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse Consultant - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$169.16	\$236.82	\$253.74
01_619_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse Consultant - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$186.63	\$261.28	\$279.95
01_623_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse Consultant - Weekday Night	Hour	\$190.12	\$266.17	\$285.18
01_620_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse Consultant - Saturday	Hour	\$241.52	\$338.13	\$362.28

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_621_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse Consultant - Sunday	Hour	\$277.69	\$388.77	\$416.54
01_622_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse Consultant - Public Holiday	Hour	\$313.86	\$439.40	\$470.79
01_624_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by a Nurse Practitioner - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$176.85	\$247.59	\$265.28
01_625_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by a Nurse Practitioner - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$195.09	\$273.13	\$292.64
01_629_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by a Nurse Practitioner - Weekday Night	Hour	\$198.75	\$278.25	\$298.13
01_626_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by a Nurse Practitioner - Saturday	Hour	\$252.51	\$353.51	\$378.77
01_627_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by a Nurse Practitioner - Sunday	Hour	\$290.33	\$406.46	\$435.50
01_628_0114_1_1	Delivery of Health Supports by a Nurse Practitioner - Public Holiday	Hour	\$328.16	\$459.42	\$492.24

Therapy Supports and Early Childhood Supports

These provide care, other than nursing care, to respond to the disability-related health needs of a participant where that care is not the usual responsibility of the health system. They have been temporarily duplicated into the *Assistance with Daily Life* Support Category so that participants can have greater access to these supports if they need them. See pages 92 and 94 for further information on these support items.

These support items can be delivered to individual participants or to groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*. In particular: these support items can only be delivered by the following types of therapists, and by therapy assistants operating under the delegation and supervision of one of the following types of professionals:

- Dietitian – A person who is an Accredited Practising Dietitian with the Dietitians Association of Australia.
- Occupational Therapist – A person who has a current Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) Registration as an Occupational Therapist.
- Physiotherapist – A person who has a current AHPRA Registration as a Physiotherapist.
- Podiatrist – A person who has a current AHPRA Registration as a Podiatrist.
- Psychologist – A person who has a current AHPRA Registration as a Psychologist. This includes paid provisionally registered Psychologists operating under supervision.
- Speech Pathologist – A person who is a Certified Practising Speech Pathologist (CPSP) as approved by Speech Pathology Australia.
- Other Professional – A person who is not one of the types of professionals listed above but who the provider considers to be an appropriate professional to deliver in line with the NDIS Quality and Safeguarding Commission's requirements for the Therapeutic Supports Registration Group.

In line with the General Claiming Rules, providers need to make claims against the support item that most accurately reflect the support provided.

This means that where a line item exists for a specific type of professional, supports of that type need to be made against that item.

For example, psychology must be claimed using the psychology line item, not under 'Other Professional' or any other listed professional.

- Note: In line with the rules for provider travel for therapy providers, the hourly price limit for provider travel is 50% of the regular price limit. For example, where a Dietitian travelled 30 minutes to a participant, the price limit for this travel time would be \$47.25, not \$94.50.

As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- Provider Travel**
- Short Notice Cancellation – 2 clear business days**
- NDIA Requested Reports**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 01_799_0128_1_1 and 01_799_0118_1_1.

These support items are subject to price limits as set out in the following tables. Different price limits apply depending on the type of allied health professional who delivers the support.

These support items relate to registration group 0128: Therapeutic Supports and are to be used by participants older than 9.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_760_0128_3_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training Supports - Dietitian	Hour	\$188.99	\$264.59	\$283.49
01_661_0128_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training Supports - Occupational Therapist	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99
01_721_0128_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training Supports - Physiotherapist	Hour	\$183.99	\$257.59	\$275.99
01_663_0128_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training Supports - Podiatrist	Hour	\$188.99	\$264.59	\$283.49
01_701_0128_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training Supports - Psychologist • This includes paid provisional psychologists operating under supervision	Hour	\$232.99	\$326.19	\$349.49
01_665_0128_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training Supports - Speech Pathologist	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99
01_741_0128_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training Supports - Other Professional	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99

These support items relate to registration group 0118: Early Intervention Supports for Early Childhood and are to be used by participants younger than 9.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
01_760_0118_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - EC - Dietitian	Hour	\$188.99	\$264.59	\$283.49
01_650_0118_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - EC - Occupational Therapist	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99
01_720_0118_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - EC - Physiotherapist	Hour	\$183.99	\$257.59	\$275.99
01_663_0118_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - EC - Podiatrist	Hour	\$188.99	\$264.59	\$283.49
01_700_0118_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - EC - Psychologist • This includes paid provisional psychologists operating under supervision	Hour	\$232.99	\$326.19	\$349.49
01_653_0118_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - EC - Speech Pathologist	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99
01_740_0118_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - EC - Other Professional	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99

Core – Transport

Transport enables participants to access disability supports outside their home, and to achieve the goals in their plan. If participants have questions about their transport support, providers may direct them to the NDIS factsheet available on the NDIS website: www.ndis.gov.au/participants/creating-your-plan/plan-budget-and-rules/transport-funding.

General Transport

This support item allows a participant to pay a provider to transport them to an activity. This could include an activity that is not itself a support – or to a support that is delivered by another provider. This enables the participant to travel to and from appointments or their place of work.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants or to groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

This support item is not subject to price limits. See page 17 for further information on how to claim for support items that are not subject to a price limit.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
02_051_0108_1_1	Transport	Year	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00

Specialised Transport

This support item provides for specialised transport services for a participant to a school, educational facility, employment, or the community.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

This support item is subject to quotation. It should only be used if it is a stated item in a plan

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
02_050_0108_1_1	Specialised Transport To School/Educational Facility/Employment/Community	Day	N/A	N/A	N/A

Core – Consumables

Consumables are a support category available to assist participants with purchasing everyday use items. Supports such as Continence and Home Enteral Nutrition (HEN) products are included in this category.

Information on the pricing arrangements for Consumables can be found in the *Assistive Technology and Consumables Code Guide* on the NDIS website:

www.ndis.gov.au/providers/pricing-arrangements.

Core – Assistance with Social, Economic and Community Participation

This support category relates to assisting with or supervising a participant to engage in community, social, recreational or economic activities. These supports can be provided in a range of environments, such as in the community or a centre.

Assistance to Access Community, Social and Recreational Activities

Participation in Community, Social and Civic Activities

These support items enable a participant to engage in community, social and recreational activities. These support items can be delivered to individual participants or to groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**

Providers of these supports can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using the support item 04_799_0125_6_1
- **Activity Based Transport – Social, Economic and Community Participation Supports** using support item 04_590_0125_6_1.

These support items are subject to price limits as set out in the following table. Different price limits apply depending on the **Time of Day and Day of Week** when the support is delivered or **Implementing Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports**.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
04_104_0125_6_1	Access Community Social and Rec Activ - Standard - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$70.23	\$98.32	\$105.35
04_103_0125_6_1	Access Community Social and Rec Activ - Standard - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$77.38	\$108.33	\$116.07
04_105_0125_6_1	Access Community Social and Rec Activ - Standard - Saturday	Hour	\$98.83	\$138.36	\$148.25
04_106_0125_6_1	Access Community Social and Rec Activ - Standard - Sunday	Hour	\$127.43	\$178.40	\$191.15
04_102_0125_6_1	Access Community Social and Rec Activ - Standard - Public Holiday	Hour	\$156.03	\$218.44	\$234.05
04_450_0125_1_1	Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$75.98	\$106.37	\$113.97
04_451_0125_1_1	Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$83.72	\$117.21	\$125.58
04_452_0125_1_1	Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports - Saturday	Hour	\$106.93	\$149.70	\$160.40
04_453_0125_1_1	Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports - Sunday	Hour	\$137.87	\$193.02	\$206.81
04_454_0125_1_1	Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports - Public Holiday	Hour	\$168.81	\$236.33	\$253.22

Participation in Community, Social and Civic Activities – High Intensity Supports

These support items enable a participant who requires **High Intensity Supports**, to engage in community, social and recreational activities in circumstances where a more skilled or experienced support worker is required. They can be delivered to individual participants or to groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**

Providers of these supports can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using the support item 04_799_0104_6_1
- **Activity Based Transport – Social, Economic and Community Participation Supports** using support item 04_592_0104_6_1.

These support items are subject to price limits as set out in the following table. Different price limits apply depending on the **Time of Day and Day of Week** when the support is delivered; who delivers the support.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
04_400_0104_1_1	Access Community Social and Rec Activ - High Intensity - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$75.98	\$106.37	\$113.97
04_401_0104_1_1	Access Community Social and Rec Activ - High Intensity - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$83.72	\$117.21	\$125.58
04_402_0104_1_1	Access Community Social and Rec Activ - High Intensity - Saturday	Hour	\$106.93	\$149.70	\$160.40
04_403_0104_1_1	Access Community Social and Rec Activ - High Intensity - Sunday	Hour	\$137.87	\$193.02	\$206.81
04_404_0104_1_1	Access Community Social and Rec Activ - High Intensity - Public Holiday	Hour	\$168.81	\$236.33	\$253.22

Community, Social and Recreational Activities

This support item is designed to enable providers to claim for the additional disability-related costs of enabling a participant to independently engage in community, social and recreational activities.

Provider may not use this support for items excluded by Section 10 of the legislation, such as:

- Fees and payments for outside school hours care. This includes before school, after school, student free days, vacation care and school holiday programs.
- Costs associated with recreational sports and activities. This includes membership costs, venue hire fees, uniforms and footwear.
- Standard (non-modified and not adaptive) recreational equipment and tools, including toys, balls and racquets.
- General health, fitness, social or recreational activity costs or services.
- Membership and entry to a recreational club and standard gym equipment.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

This support item is not subject to price limits. It should only be used to recover the additional disability-related costs of the participant's attendance at the community social and participation

activities. See page 17 for further information on how to claim for support items that are not subject to a price limit.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
04_210_0125_6_1	Community Social and Recreational Activities	Each	N/A	N/A	N/A

Group and Centre Based Activities

Group and Centre Based Activities – Standard

These support items assist participants to access community, social and recreational activities provided in a group setting, either in the community or in a centre.

These support items can be delivered to individual participants or to groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**

Providers of these supports can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using the support item 04_799_0136_6_1
- **Activity Based Transport – Social, Economic and Community Participation Supports** using support item 04_591_0136_6_1
- **Centre Capital Costs** using support item 04_599_0136_6_1, when the support is provided in a centre rather than in the community.

These support items are subject to price limits as set out in the following table. Different price limits apply depending on the **Time of Day and Day of Week** when the support is delivered or **Implementing Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports**.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
04_102_0136_6_1	Group Activities - Standard - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$70.23	\$98.32	\$105.35
04_103_0136_6_1	Group Activities - Standard - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$77.38	\$108.33	\$116.07
04_104_0136_6_1	Group Activities - Standard - Saturday	Hour	\$98.83	\$138.36	\$148.25
04_105_0136_6_1	Group Activities - Standard - Sunday	Hour	\$127.43	\$178.40	\$191.15
04_106_0136_6_1	Group Activities - Standard - Public Holiday	Hour	\$156.03	\$218.44	\$234.05
04_450_0136_1_1	Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$75.98	\$106.37	\$113.97
04_451_0136_1_1	Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$83.72	\$117.21	\$125.58
04_452_0136_1_1	Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports - Saturday	Hour	\$106.93	\$149.70	\$160.40
04_453_0136_1_1	Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports - Sunday	Hour	\$137.87	\$193.02	\$206.81
04_454_0136_1_1	Intensive and Complex Behaviour Supports - Public Holiday	Hour	\$168.81	\$236.33	\$253.22

Group and Centre Based Activities – High Intensity

These support items enable a participant who requires **High Intensity Supports**, to engage in community, social and recreational activities in a group setting, either in the community or in a centre, in circumstances where a more skilled or experienced support worker is required.

These support items can be delivered to individual participants or to groups who require **High Intensity Supports** subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*. If a support item is delivered to a group then the price limit for each participant is the price limit set out in the following table divided by the number of people in the group. Providers should make a claim for each participant using the relevant support item. Each claim should be for the total time of the support but is subject to the lower price limit as set out above.

As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**

Providers of these supports can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using the support item 01_799_0104_6_1
- **Activity Based Transport – Social, Economic and Community Participation Supports** using support item 04_592_0104_6_1
- **Centre Capital Costs** using support item 04_599_0104_6_1, when the support is provided in a centre rather than in the community.

These support items are subject to price limits as set out in the following table. Different price limits apply depending on the **Time of Day and Day of Week** when the support is delivered.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
04_600_0104_6_1	Group Activities - High Intensity - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$75.98	\$106.37	\$113.97
04_601_0104_6_1	Group Activities - High Intensity - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$83.72	\$117.21	\$125.58
04_602_0104_6_1	Group Activities - High Intensity - Saturday	Hour	\$106.93	\$149.70	\$160.40
04_603_0104_6_1	Group Activities - High Intensity - Sunday	Hour	\$137.87	\$193.02	\$206.81
04_604_0104_6_1	Group Activities - High Intensity - Public Holiday	Hour	\$168.81	\$236.33	\$253.22

Supports in Employment

While some participants, with supports offered through DES or employer reasonable adjustment, will successfully maintain work, others will need higher intensity support delivered in the workplace to maintain employment. These supports can be used in a range of employment settings including: private, government or not for profit organisations; a social enterprise or similar environment; self-employment or a micro-business; or a family run business.

Specialised Supported Employment

These support items are for participants who are employed and who are less independent in performing their work tasks or need frequent prompting and coaching to stay on track, communicate with others, or manage their behaviours.

Supports may be provided one to one or within a group-based setting, complimenting existing or expected employer supports, and claimed according to the intensity and frequency of supports delivered to achieve employment goals. Supports can include:

- on the job assessments related to the impact of a person's disability on their ability to work;
- job customisation;
- on-the-job training and intermittent support with daily work tasks;
- direct supervision and/or group-based support to enable meaningful participation at work;
- physical assistance and personal care delivered in the workplace;
- supports to manage disability-related behaviour or complex needs at work; and
- non face-to-face activities that are directly related to supporting a participant's employment.

These support items can be delivered to individual participants or to groups subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*. If a support item is delivered to a group then the price limit for each participant is the hourly rate divided by the number of people in the group. Providers should make a claim for each participant using the relevant support item. Each claim should be for the total time of the support but is subject to the price limit as set out below.

As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**

Providers of these supports can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using the support item 04_799_0133_5_1
- **Activity Based Transport – Social, Economic and Community Participation Supports** using support item 04_821_0133_6_1
- **Centre Capital Costs** using support item 04_599_0133_5_1, when the support is provided in a centre rather than in the community.

These support items are subject to price limits as set out in the following table. Different price limits apply depending on the **Time of Day and Day of Week** when the support is delivered.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
04_801_0133_5_1	Supports in Employment - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$70.23	\$98.32	\$105.35
04_802_0133_5_1	Supports in Employment - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$77.38	\$108.33	\$116.07
04_803_0133_5_1	Supports in Employment - Saturday	Hour	\$98.83	\$138.36	\$148.25
04_804_0133_5_1	Supports in Employment - Sunday	Hour	\$127.43	\$178.40	\$191.15
04_805_0133_5_1	Supports in Employment - Public Holiday	Hour	\$156.03	\$218.44	\$234.05

Capital – Assistive Technology

This support category includes all aids or equipment supports that assist participants to live independently or assist a carer to support the participant. It also includes related delivery, set-up and some training support items. Usually, providing independent advice, guidance, trials, set-up and training (not bundled with the sale of an item) is funded through a capacity building support.

Information on the pricing arrangements for Assistive Technology can be found in the *Assistive Technology, Home Modifications and Consumables Code Guide* on the NDIS website:

www.ndis.gov.au/providers/pricing-arrangements.

Capital – Home Modifications and Specialist Disability Accommodation

This support category includes Home Modifications and Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) supports.

Home Modifications

Home modifications include design, construction, installation of, or changes to, equipment or non-structural components of the building, and installation of fixtures or fittings, to enable participants to live as independently as possible or to live safely at home.

Information on the pricing arrangements for Home Modifications can be found in the *Assistive Technology and Consumables Code Guide* on the NDIS website:

www.ndis.gov.au/providers/pricing-arrangements.

Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA)

Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) refers to accommodation for participants who require specialist housing solutions to assist with the delivery of supports that cater for their extreme functional impairment and/or very high support needs.

Information on the pricing arrangements for Specialist Disability Accommodation can be found in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements for Specialist Disability Accommodation* on the NDIS website:

www.ndis.gov.au/providers/housing-and-living-supports-and-services/specialist-disability-accommodation/sda-pricing-and-payments.

Capacity Building – Support Coordination

The supports in this support category strengthen a participant's ability to design and then build their supports with an emphasis on linking to broader systems of support.

Level 1: Support Connection

This support item assists a participant to implement their plan by strengthening their ability to connect with the broader systems of supports and to understand the purpose of the funded supports. Support Connection assists a participant to understand their NDIS plan, connect participants with broader systems of supports, and provide assistance to connect with providers. Support Connection will assist participants to achieve effective utilisation of their NDIS plan and answer questions as they arise.

Support Connection also increases a participant's capacity to maintain (or in some cases change) support relationships, resolve service delivery issues, and participate independently in NDIA processes. Support Connection includes, but is not limited to:

- Understand the Plan;
- Connect with Supports and Services;
- Establish Supports;
- Coach, Refine, Reflect; and
- Report to the NDIA.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**
- **NDIA Requested Reports**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using the support item 07_799_0106_6_3 or 01_799_0106_1_1.

This support item is subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
07_001_0106_8_3	Support Coordination Level 1: Support Connection	Hour	\$80.06	\$112.08	\$120.09

Where a participant younger than 9 is receiving assistance from Partners in the Community (PITC) an early childhood partner provides support.

Where a participant 9 or older is receiving assistance from Partners in the Community (PITC) the local area coordinator (LAC) provides support.

Level 2: Coordination of Supports

This support item strengthens a participant's ability to design and then build their supports with an emphasis on linking the broader systems of support across a complex service delivery environment. Coordination of Supports is to focus on supporting participants to direct their lives, not just their services, and is focussed on assisting participants to build and maintain a resilient network of formal and informal supports. This involves working together with the participant to understand the funding, identify what participants expect from services, and how participants want this designed. Coordination of Supports also includes coaching participants, and working with participants to develop capacity and resilience in their network.

Coordination of Supports includes, but is not limited to

- Understand the Plan;
- Connect with Supports and Services;
- Design Support Approaches;
- Establish Supports;
- Coach, Refine, Reflect;
- Targeted Support Coordination;
- Crisis: Planning, Prevention, Mitigation and Action;
- Build Capacity and Resilience; and
- Report to the NDIA.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*

As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 2 clear business days**
- **NDIA Requested Reports**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using the support item 07_799_0106_6_3 or 01_799_0106_1_1.

This support item is subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
07_002_0106_8_3	Support Coordination Level 2: Coordination of Supports	Hour	\$100.14	\$140.19	\$150.21

Level 3: Specialist Support Coordination

This support is delivered utilising an expert or specialist approach, necessitated by specific high complex needs or high level risks in a participant's situation. Specialist Support Coordination is delivered by an appropriately qualified and experienced practitioner to meet the individual needs of the participant's circumstances such as a Psychologist, Occupational Therapist, Social Worker, or Mental Health Nurse. Specialist Support Coordination is expected to address complex barriers impacting a participant's ability to implement their plan and access appropriate supports. Specialist Support Coordinators assist participants to reduce complexity in their support environment, and overcome barriers to connecting with broader systems of supports as well as funded supports.

Specialist Support Coordinators are expected to negotiate appropriate support solutions with multiple stakeholders and seek to achieve well-coordinated plan implementation. Specialist Support Coordinators will assist stakeholders with resolving points of crisis for participants, assist to ensure a consistent delivery of service and access to relevant supports during crisis situations.

Specialist Support Coordination is generally delivered through an intensive and time limited period necessitated by the participant's immediate and significant barriers to plan implementation. Depending on individual circumstances, a Specialist Support Coordinator may also design a complex service plan that focusses on how all the stakeholders in a participant's life will interact to resolve barriers and promote appropriate plan implementation. Once developed, a Specialist Support Coordinator will continue to monitor the plan, but it may be maintained by one of the participant's support workers or other care supports.

Specialist Support Coordination includes, but is not limited to

- Understand the Plan;
- Connect with Supports and Services;
- Design Support Approaches;
- Establish Supports;
- Coach, Refine, Reflect;
- Targeted Support Coordination;
- Crisis: Planning, Prevention, Mitigation and Action;
- Address Complex Barriers;
- Design Complex Service Plan;
- Build Capacity and Resilience; and
- Report to the NDIA.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 2 clear business days**
- **NDIA Requested Reports**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using the support item 07_799_0132_8_3 or 01_799_0132_1_1.

This support item is subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
07_004_0132_8_3	Support Coordination Level 3: Specialist Support Coordination	Hour	\$190.54	\$266.75	\$285.80

Psychosocial Recovery Coaches

These support items provide assistance for participants to build capacity and resilience through strong and respectful relationships to support people with psychosocial disability to live a full and contributing life. This support is designed to be able to maintain engagement through periods of increased support needs due to the episodic nature of mental illness. Recovery coaches work collaboratively with participants, families, carers and other services to identify, plan, design and coordinate NDIS supports.

The work of psychosocial recovery coaches requires lived and/or learnt experience. Recovery coaches must have tertiary qualifications in peer work or mental health (minimum of Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work or Certificate IV in Mental Health) or equivalent training; and/or a minimum two years of experience in mental health-related work.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**
- **NDIA Requested Reports**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 07_799_0106_6_3
- **Activity Based Transport – Capacity Building Supports** using support item 07_501_0106_6_3.

These support items are subject to price limits as set out in the following table. Different price limits apply depending on the **Time of Day and Day of Week** on which the support is delivered.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
07_101_0106_6_3	Psychosocial Recovery Coaching - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$105.43	\$147.60	\$158.15
07_102_0106_6_3	Psychosocial Recovery Coaching - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$116.16	\$162.62	\$174.24
07_103_0106_6_3	Psychosocial Recovery Coaching - Weekday Night	Hour	\$118.31	\$165.63	\$177.47
07_104_0106_6_3	Psychosocial Recovery Coaching - Saturday	Hour	\$148.36	\$207.70	\$222.54
07_105_0106_6_3	Psychosocial Recovery Coaching - Sunday	Hour	\$191.29	\$267.81	\$286.94
07_106_0106_6_3	Psychosocial Recovery Coaching - Public Holiday	Hour	\$234.23	\$327.92	\$351.35

Capacity Building – Improved Living Arrangements

The supports in this support category help participants to increase their ability to obtain and retain appropriate accommodation.

Assistance with Accommodation and Tenancy Obligations

This support item is to guide, prompt, or undertake activities to ensure the participant obtains or retains appropriate accommodation. This may include assisting to apply for a rental tenancy or to undertake tenancy obligations in line with the participant's tenancy agreement.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants or to groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 08_799_0106_2_3
- **Activity Based Transport – Capacity Building Supports** using support item 08_590_0106_2_3.

This support item is subject to price limits as set out in the following Table

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
08_005_0106_2_3	Assistance With Accommodation And Tenancy Obligations	Hour	\$80.06	\$112.08	\$120.09

Capacity Building – Increased Social and Community Participation

The supports in this support category allow participants to take part in skills-based learning to develop independence in accessing the community.

Assistance in Coordinating or Managing Life Stages, Transitions and Supports

This support item, which includes mentoring, peer-support and individual skill development, is designed to establish volunteer assistance within the participant's home or community to develop skills. For instance, assistance in attending appointments, shopping, bill paying, taking part in social activities and maintaining contact with others.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants or to groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, this support item can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 09_799_0106_6_3
- **Activity Based Transport – Capacity Building Supports** using support item 09_590_0106_6_3.

This support item is subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
09_006_0106_6_3	Life Transition Planning Incl. Mentoring Peer-Support And Indiv Skill Develop	Hour	\$80.06	\$112.08	\$120.09

Development of Daily Living and Life Skills

This support item provides individual life skills development and training including public transport training and support, developing skills for community, social and recreational participation. It also provides training for participants in groups to increase their independence in daily personal activities.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants or to groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, this support item can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 09_799_0117_6_3
- **Activity Based Transport – Capacity Building Supports** using support item 09_591_0117_6_3.

This support item is subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
09_009_0117_6_3	Skills Development and Training	Hour	\$80.06	\$112.08	\$120.09

Innovative Community Participation

This support item is designed for supports that are tailored for individual participants with extraordinary support needs to assist them to participate in the community. Extraordinary support needs arise due to a participants' specific situational and personal circumstances.

Provider may not use this support for items excluded by Section 10 of the legislation, such as:

- Fees and payments for outside school hours care. This includes before school, after school, student free days, vacation care and school holiday programs.
- Costs associated with recreational sports and activities. This includes membership costs, venue hire fees, uniforms and footwear."
- Standard (non-modified and not adaptive) recreational equipment and tools, including toys, balls and racquets.
- General health, fitness, social or recreational activity costs or services.
- Membership and entry to a recreational club and standard gym equipment.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

This support item is not subject to price limits. See page 17 for further information on how to claim for support items that are not subject to a price limit.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
09_008_0116_6_3	Innovative Community Participation	Each	N/A	N/A	N/A

Community Participation Activities

This support item is designed to enable providers to claim reimbursement for the disability-related costs of community participation activities that build a participant's skills and independence. This could include camps, classes, and vacation activities that have capacity building components. The support includes assistance to establish volunteer arrangements in the community, mentoring, peer support, and individual skill development.

Provider may not use this support for items excluded by Section 10 of the legislation, such as:

- Fees and payments for outside school hours care. This includes before school, after school, student free days, vacation care and school holiday programs.”
- Costs associated with recreational sports and activities. This includes membership costs, venue hire fees, uniforms and footwear.”
- Standard (non-modified and not adaptive) recreational equipment and tools, including toys, balls and racquets.
- General health, fitness, social or recreational activity costs or services.
- Membership and entry to a recreational club and standard gym equipment.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

This support item is not subject to price limits. It should only be used to recover the costs of the participant's attendance at the community participation activities. See page 17 for further information on how to claim for support items that are not subject to a price limit.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
09_011_0125_6_3	Community Participation Activities	Each	N/A	N/A	N/A

Capacity Building – Finding and Keeping a Job

The supports in this support category help participants to find and keep employment.

Employment Related Assessment, Counselling and Advice

This support is designed to provide employment related assessment, counselling and advice to assist participants successfully engage in work. Functional and/or workplace assessments and employment related counselling may benefit participants who have, for example, experienced traumatic injury or exacerbation of an existing disability and need significant support to develop a new or modified work pathway.

These assessments can be useful for participants who have limited work experience to assist in identifying their unique barriers to employment and to inform a work goal and development plan. The support may also be used to assist with adjustments to work processes or workplaces that enable a participant to be productive and work safely.

Note: **if a participant is employed** and on award wages, a workplace assessment is available through the Employment Assistance Fund administered by JobAccess and is a free service to employers. These assessments inform employers about modifications to work processes or workplaces and/or equipment to enable an employee to perform their work safely.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*. In particular: these support items can only be delivered by one of the following allied health professionals:

- Occupational Therapist – A person who has a current Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) Registration as an Occupational Therapist.
- Psychologist – A person who has a current AHPRA Registration as a Psychologist. This includes paid provisionally registered Psychologists operating under supervision.
- Physiotherapist – A person who has a current AHPRA Registration as a Physiotherapist.
- Vocational Rehabilitation Counsellor with the relevant qualifications recognised by their professional association.
- Speech Pathologist - A person who is a Certified Practising Speech Pathologist as approved by Speech Pathology Australia.
- Developmental Educator - A person has a bachelor's degree or higher and has current full membership with Developmental Educators Australia Inc.
- Other Professionals – A person who is not one of the types of professionals listed above but who the provider considers to be an appropriate professional to deliver **Employment related assessment, counselling and advice** in line with the NDIS Quality and Safeguarding Commission's requirements for the Therapeutic Supports Registration Group.

In line with the General Claiming Rules, providers need to make claims against the support item that most accurately reflect the support provided.

This means that where a line item exists for a specific type of professional, supports of that type need to be made against that item.

For example, Speech Pathology Therapy must be claimed using the Speech Pathologist Therapist line item, not under 'Other Professional' or any other listed professional.

Note: In line with the rules for provider travel for therapy providers, the hourly price limit for provider travel is 50% of the regular price limit. For example, where a physiotherapist travelled 30 minutes to a participant, the price limit for this travel time would be \$46.00, not \$92.00. As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 2 clear business days**
- **NDIA Requested Reports**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using the support item 10_799_0128_5_3.

This support item is subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
10_011_0128_5_3	Employment Related Assessment, Counselling and Advice – Other Professional	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99
10_054_0128_5_3	Employment Related Assessment, Counselling and Advice -Psychologist	Hour	\$232.99	\$326.19	\$349.49
10_055_0128_5_3	Employment Related Assessment, Counselling and Advice -Physiotherapist	Hour	\$183.99	\$257.59	\$275.99
10_613_0128_5_3	Employment Related Assessment, Counselling and Advice - Developmental Educator	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99
10_617_0128_5_3	Employment Related Assessment, Counselling and Advice - Occupational Therapist	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99
10_622_0128_5_3	Employment Related Assessment, Counselling and Advice – Speech Pathologist	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99
10_620_0128_5_3	Employment Related Assessment, Counselling and Advice - Rehabilitation Counsellor	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99

Employment Assistance including youth aged 15 to 25.

This support item enables a participant to successfully obtain or retain employment in the open or supported labour market. This support can be delivered to any **working age participant** with an employment goal. This may include supports to:

- supplement work experience available through the school system
- obtain part time work whilst finishing secondary education
- transition from school into further education or training
- explore what work means(discovery)
- build essential foundation skills for work
- manage complex barriers to obtaining and sustaining employment
- implement specialised job customisation/job carving
- obtain alternative employment following onset or exacerbation of disability
- assist a person to change jobs
- develop a career plan
- obtain employment on completion of a qualification

- transition from a supported employment service (previously known as an Australian Disability Enterprise (ADE)) to open employment
- successfully engage with a Disability Employment Service (DES) provider or other employment service to secure employment and arrange ongoing support on the job if necessary.

Note: this support item cannot be used to fund a **Certified education course** (for example, **Certificate I in Work Education**), even if run within the employment provider's organisation, as this is funded through the Vocational Education system.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants or groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**
- **NDIA Requested Reports**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using the support item 10_799_0102_5_3
- **Activity Based Transport – Capacity Building Supports** using the support item 10_590_0102_5_3.

This support item is subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
10_016_0102_5_3	Employment Assistance	Hour	\$80.06	\$112.08	\$120.09

Other Support Items to assist successful development and placement in employment

The assistance of other support may at times enable a participant to successfully engage in employment preparation and placement. Where this is the case, the support items listed below can be used to claim for the supports delivered that contribute to the success of employment preparation. The funding for these is to be obtained from the budget available for Employment Assistance.

As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**
- **NDIA Requested Reports**

Support Coordinator

A Support Coordinator who has an existing relationship with a participant can contribute to employment success by ensuring the voice of the participant is heard in choosing employment options, helping a participant to understand their obligations to an employer and their new workplace and coordinating supporting services to facilitate their ongoing employment.

This support item is subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
10_002_0106_8_3	Support Coordination Level 2: Coordination of Supports	Hour	\$100.14	\$140.19	\$150.21

Psychosocial Recovery Coach

Many participants with psychosocial disability will have a Recovery Coach. Preparation for employment and starting in a new workplace can be stressful. The Recovery Coach will be able to advise the employment provider and a prospective employer on how best to assist the participant to manage new or different stressors. The Recovery Coach can also ensure that other support and clinical services are responsive to the changes in the participant's life as they commence employment and successfully engage in ongoing employment.

This support item is subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
10_101_0106_6_3	Psychosocial Recovery Coaching – Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$105.43	\$147.60	\$158.15

Support on the Job

Some participants will require support on the job after commencing employment. Introducing the support worker who will continue support in the workplace will increase the likelihood of the participant maintaining their employment. These items are available as an interim measure until a new plan is developed to include the necessary ongoing core supports,

This support item is subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
10_806_0133_5_1	Supports in Employment - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$70.23	\$98.32	\$105.35

Transitional Arrangements for “School leaver Employment Supports” from 1 July 2024

Participants with difficulties in learning, social interaction and self-management were the focus of employment preparation delivered as “*school leaver employment supports*”. These participants will continue to receive a budget commensurate with their level of need when transitioning from school.

Providers can claim using the support item above for Employment Assistance as of 1 July 2024.

Those providers who wish to continue claiming the current weekly rate can do so until 30 June 2027. This is not an NDIS price and as such is not published in the Pricing Arrangements. It is an all-encompassing amount for all service delivery including travel, cancellations and non-face to face services.

The employment assistance for these young participants includes support to:

- Build essential skills for independence and work eg.travel training, money and time management, teamwork and communicating effectively in a work context etc.
- Explore work preferences through trying and testing employment in a variety of work settings (discovery).
- Develop work skills in employment settings.
- Undertake training where required to develop specific vocational skills and apply these skills in a workplace.
- Identify suitable employment opportunities and connect with employers, or work in partnership with a DES provider, to connect with employers.
- Customise a job, assist the participant to learn their role and establish connections in the workplace.
- Secure employment and ascertain ongoing support needs to maintain employment, working in partnership with a DES provider, if appropriate.

Note: this support item cannot be used to fund a Certified education course (for example, Certificate I in Work Education), even if run within the employment provider’s organisation, as this is funded through the Vocational Education system.

All providers need to develop a Service Agreement with the participant that sets out the services to be delivered, the duration of service provision, how progress will be measured and how the cost of services will be claimed from the participant’s budget.

Transitional Support Item to 30 June 2027

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
10_021_0102_5_3	School Leaver Employment Supports (transitional)	Each	N/A	N/A	N/A

Capacity Building – Improved Relationships

This support category is for the provision of specialised assessment where a participant may have complex or unclear needs, requiring long term or intensive supports to address behaviours of concern.

Specialist Behavioural Intervention Support

These support items include specialist behavioural intervention support, which is an intensive support for a participant, intending to address significantly harmful or persistent behaviours of concern. Behaviour support requires a behaviour support plan to be developed that aims to limit the likelihood of behaviours of concern developing or increasing once identified. This plan outlines the specifically designed positive behavioural support strategies for a participant, their family and support persons that will achieve the intended outcome of eliminating or reducing behaviours of concern.

These support items can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

Note: In line with the rules for provider travel for therapy providers, the hourly price limit for provider travel is 50% of the regular price limit. For example, where a Specialist Behavioural Intervention Practitioner travelled 30 minutes to a participant, the price limit for this travel time would be \$58.25, not \$116.50. As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 2 clear business days**
- **NDIA Requested Reports**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using the support item 01_799_0110_1_1 or 11_799_0110_7_3.

These support items are subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
11_022_0110_7_3	Specialist Behavioural Intervention Support • Highly specialised intensive support interventions to address significantly harmful or persistent behaviours of concern. • Development of behaviour support plans that temporarily use restrictive practices, with intention to minimise use of these practices.	Hour	\$232.99	\$326.19	\$349.49
11_023_0110_7_3	Behaviour Management Plan Including Training in Behaviour Management Strategies • Training for carers and others in behaviour management strategies required due the participant's disability.	Hour	\$232.99	\$326.19	\$349.49

Individual Social Skills Development

This support item assists participants to develop their social skills for participation in community and social activity.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**
- **NDIA Requested Reports**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using the support item 11_799_0117_7_3
- **Activity Based Transport – Capacity Building Supports** using the support item 11_590_0117_7_3.

This support item is subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
11_024_0117_7_3	Individual Social Skills Development	Hour	\$80.06	\$112.08	\$120.09

Capacity Building – Improved Health and Wellbeing

The supports in this support category help participants to improve their health and wellbeing.

Physical Wellbeing Activities

These support items maintain or increase physical mobility or well-being through personal training or exercise physiology. Physical well-being activities promote and encourage improved physical capacity and health.

These supports can only be provided by the following types of professionals:

- **Exercise Physiologist** – A person who is an accredited exercise physiologist with Exercise and Sports Science Australia.
- **Personal Trainer** – A person who has a personal training qualification (Certificate III, IV or Diploma) in Fitness or equivalent.

These support items can be delivered to individual participants or to groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

Note: In line with the rules for provider travel for therapy providers, the hourly price limit for provider travel is 50% of the regular price limit. For example, where an Exercise Physiologist travelled 30 minutes to a participant, the price limit for this travel time would be \$41.75, not \$83.50. Personal trainers are not considered therapy providers.

As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 2 clear business days**
- **NDIA Requested Reports**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 01_799_0126_1_1 or 12_799_0126_3_3 or support item 12_799_0128_3_3, depending on their Registration Group.

These support items are subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
12_027_0126_3_3	Advice provided by an Exercise Physiologist regarding exercise required	Hour	\$166.99	\$233.79	\$250.49
12_027_0128_3_3	Advice provided by an Exercise Physiologist regarding exercise required	Hour	\$166.99	\$233.79	\$250.49
12_029_0126_3_3	Personal training provided by a Personal Trainer to a participant	Hour	\$67.00	\$93.80	\$100.50

Dietetics

This support item provides advice to participants on managing diet for health and wellbeing due to the impact of their disability.

This support item can only be provided by the following type of professional:

- Dietitian – A person who is an Accredited Practising Dietitian with the Dietitians Association of Australia.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants or to groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

Note: In line with the rules for provider travel for therapy providers, the hourly price limit for provider travel is 50% of the regular price limit. For example, where a Dietitian travelled 30 minutes to a participant, the price limit for this travel time would be \$47.25, not \$94.50. As well as direct service provision, this support item can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 2 clear business days**
- **NDIA Requested Reports**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 12_799_0128_3_3.

This support item is subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
12_025_0128_3_3	Advice provided by a Dietitian on managing diet for health and well-being	Hour	\$188.99	\$264.59	\$283.49

Capacity Building – Improved Learning

This support category is for provision of skills training, advice, assistance with arrangements and orientation to assist a participant moving from school to further education.

Transition through School and to Further Education

This support item is for the provision of skills training, advice, assistance with arrangements and orientation to assist a person with disability moving from school to further education.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants or groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, this support item can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 01_799_0102_1_1 or 13_799_0102_4_3.
- **Activity Based Transport – Capacity Building Supports** using the support item 13_590_0102_4_3.

This support item is subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
13_030_0102_4_3	Transition through School and to Further Education	Hour	\$80.06	\$112.08	\$120.09

Capacity Building – Improved Life Choices

The supports in this support category help participants with the management of their plans.

Plan Management – Financial Administration Supports

This support item allows participants to engage a Plan Manager to manage and monitor budgets over the course of the plan, manage NDIS claims and pay providers for delivered service, maintain records and produce regular (at least monthly) statements showing the financial position of the plan.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

This support item is subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National
14_034_0127_8_3	Plan Management - Monthly Fee A monthly fee for the ongoing maintenance of the financial management arrangements.	Month	\$104.45

Capacity Building – Improved Daily Living

This support category includes assessment supports, training supports, strategy development supports, and therapeutic supports (including Early Intervention Supports for Early Childhood) to assist the development of, or to increase, a participant's skills and their capacity for independence and community participation.

Early Intervention Supports for Early Childhood Supports – younger than 9

These support items provide capacity building supports in early childhood, including key worker, to assist a child (younger than 9) with developmental delay or disability and their family or carers in home, community, and early childhood education settings, to work towards increased functional independence and social participation. It is expected that the supports are delivered in line with the NDIS Commission's NDIS Practice Standards and Quality Indicators for Early Childhood Supports.

These support items can also be used for the assessment, planning, and delivery of **Disability-Related Health Supports** where these supports directly relate to a participant's significant and permanent functional impairment and assist them to undertake activities of daily living.

These support items can be delivered to individual participants or to groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*. These support items can only be delivered by the following types of professionals (therapy assistants must operate under delegation and supervision)

- Art Therapist – A person who is a Professional Member with the Australian, New Zealand and Asian Creative Arts Therapy Association (ANZACATA).
- Dietitian – A person who is an Accredited Practising Dietitian with the Dietitians Australia
- Other Early Childhood Intervention Professional – A person who does not meet the definitions of the other professions listed but has a bachelor's degree or higher in their relevant area and holds current registration or membership with their relevant registration and or professional body. It is expected that the person delivers supports in line with the NDIS Commission's NDIS Practice Standards and Quality Indicators for Early Childhood Supports.
- Developmental Educator – A person who has a bachelor's degree or higher and has current full membership with Developmental Educators Australia Inc.
- Early Childhood Teacher or Educator – A person who has a bachelor's degree or higher in Early Childhood Education or Special Education, who where applicable has a current registration or accreditation with their state or territory's relevant professional body.
- Occupational Therapist – A person who has a current Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) Registration as an Occupational Therapist.
- Social Worker – A person who is a member of the Australian Association of Social Workers.
- Speech Pathologist – A person who is a Certified Practising Speech Pathologist as approved by Speech Pathology Australia.
- Exercise Physiologist – A person who is an Accredited Exercise Physiologist with Exercise and Sports Science Australia.

- **Music Therapist** – A person who is an Active “Registered Music Therapist” with the Australian Music Therapy Association.
- **Physiotherapist** – A person who has a current AHPRA Registration as a Physiotherapist.
- **Psychologist** – A person who has a current AHPRA Registration as a Psychologist. This includes paid provisionally registered Psychologists operating under supervision.
- **Podiatrist** – A person who has a current AHPRA Registration as a Podiatrist.
- **Counsellor** – A person who is either a member of the Australian Counselling Association or an accredited Registrant with the Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia, or a person who is an AHPRA provisionally registered psychologist operating as a paid unsupervised practitioner.
- **Exercise Physiologist** – A person who is an Accredited exercise physiologist with Exercise and Sports Science Australia.

In line with the General Claiming Rules, providers need to make claims against the support item that most accurately reflect the support provided.

This means that where a line item exists for a specific type of professional, supports of that type need to be made against that item.

For example, Art Therapy must be claimed using the Art Therapist line item and Music Therapy must be claimed under the Music Therapist line item, not under ‘Other Early Childhood Professional’ or any other listed professional.

Note: Where a support is delivered by a therapy assistant, they are operating under the delegation and supervision of an allied health professional. The therapy assistant must be covered by the professional indemnity insurance of the supervising allied health professional (or the allied health professional’s or therapy assistant’s employing provider).

Note: In line with the rules for provider travel for therapy providers, the hourly price limit for provider travel is 50% of the regular price limit. For example, where an Early Childhood Professional travelled 30 minutes to a participant, the price limit for this travel time would be \$48.50, not \$97.00. As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 2 clear business days**
- **NDIA Requested Reports**

Providers of these support items can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 15_799_0118_1_3.

These support items are subject to the price limits set out in the following table. Different price limits apply depending on the **Type of Therapist** who delivers the support.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
15_005_0118_1_3	Early Childhood Intervention Professional - Other Early Childhood Professional	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99
15_613_0118_1_3	Early Childhood Intervention Professional – Developmental educator	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99
15_622_0118_1_3	Early Childhood Intervention Professional – Speech Pathologist	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99
15_625_0118_1_3	Early Childhood Intervention Professional – Early Childhood Teacher or Educator	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
15_617_0118_1_3	Early Childhood Intervention Professional – Occupational Therapist	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99
15_621_0118_1_3	Early Childhood Intervention Professional – Social worker	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99
15_610_0118_1_3	Early Childhood Intervention Professional – Art Therapist	Hour	\$156.16	\$218.62	\$234.24
15_615_0118_1_3	Early Childhood Intervention Professional – Music Therapist	Hour	\$156.16	\$218.62	\$234.24
15_619_0118_1_3	Early Childhood Intervention Professional – Podiatrist	Hour	\$188.99	\$264.59	\$283.49
15_062_0118_1_3	Early Childhood Intervention Professional – Dietitian	Hour	\$188.99	\$264.59	\$283.49
15_003_0118_1_3	Early Childhood Intervention Professional – Physiotherapist	Hour	\$183.99	\$257.59	\$275.99
15_001_0118_1_3	Early Childhood Intervention Professional – Psychologist • This includes paid provisionally registered Psychologists operating under supervision.	Hour	\$232.99	\$326.19	\$349.49
15_606_0118_1_3	Early Childhood Intervention Professional – Counsellor • Paid unsupervised provisionally registered psychologists can claim using this line item.	Hour	\$156.16	\$218.62	\$234.24
15_609_0118_1_3	Early Childhood Intervention Professional – Exercise Physiologist	Hour	\$166.99	\$233.79	\$250.49
15_007_0118_1_3	Early Childhood Intervention Professional – Therapy Assistant – Level 1 • Support must be delivered by a therapy assistant working under the delegation and direct supervision at all times of a therapist.	Hour	\$56.16	\$78.62	\$84.24
15_008_0118_1_3	Early Childhood Intervention Professional – Therapy Assistant – Level 2 • Support must be delivered by a therapy assistant working under the delegation and supervision of a therapist, where the therapist is satisfied that the therapy assistant is able to work independently without direct supervision at all times.	Hour	\$86.79	\$121.51	\$130.19

Therapy Supports (9 or older)

These support items provide therapeutic services to participants (9 or older). Therapy supports are for participants with an established disability to facilitate functional improvement, where maximum medical improvement has been reached. For people who access the Scheme as 'early intervention' participants, reasonable and necessary supports are likely to be a blend of medical and disability therapies but should be predominantly disability therapy supports. Therapy must be aimed at adjustment, adaption, and building capacity for community participation.

Maintenance care can be claimed against a participant's plan, where the primary purpose is to provide ongoing support for a participant to maintain a level of functioning including long term therapy/support required to achieve small incremental gains or to prevent functional decline. In general, maintenance therapy that is reasonable and necessary should be delivered by carers who are or can be trained in this if required. Where a participant has a medical condition or disability that requires a particular regime to maintain functioning of a body part, or to slow the deterioration of a medical condition or body part, then these support items can be used to deliver reasonable and necessary training for non-qualified personnel to assist a participant, as part of usual daily care. These support items cannot be used for massage, delivered directly to impact a body part or body system, as these supports are more appropriately funded by the health system.

These support items can also be used for the assessment, planning, and delivery of **Disability-Related Health Supports** where these supports directly relate to a participant's significant and permanent functional impairment and assist them to undertake activities of daily living.

These support items can be delivered to individual participants or to groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*. In particular, these support items can only be delivered by the following types of professionals, and by therapy assistants operating under the delegation and supervision of one of the following types of professionals:

- Art Therapist – A person who is a Professional Member with the Australian, New Zealand and Asian Creative Arts Therapy Association (ANZACATA).
- Audiologist – A person who is either currently certified as an Audiology Australia Accredited Audiologist by Audiology Australia or as a Full Member as an audiologist with the Australian College of Audiology.
- Counsellor – A person who is either a member of the Australian Counselling Association or an accredited Registrant with the Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia, or a person who is an AHPRA provisionally registered psychologist operating as a paid unsupervised practitioner can claim using this line item.
- Developmental Educator – A person who is a Full Member of Developmental Educators Australia Inc.
- Dietitian – A person who is an Accredited Practising Dietitian with the Dietitians Australia.
- Exercise Physiologist – A person who is an Accredited exercise physiologist with Exercise and Sports Science Australia.
- Music Therapist – A person who is an Active “Registered Music Therapist” with the Australian Music Therapy Association.
- Occupational Therapist – A person who has a current Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) Registration as an Occupational Therapist.
- Orthoptist – A person who has current registration with the Australian Orthoptic Board.
- Physiotherapist – A person who has a current AHPRA Registration as a Physiotherapist.
- Podiatrist – A person who has a current AHPRA Registration as a Podiatrist.
- Psychologist – A person who has a current AHPRA Registration as a Psychologist. This includes paid provisionally registered Psychologists operating under supervision.
- Rehabilitation Counsellor – A person who is member of the Australian Society of Rehabilitation Counsellors Inc. or equivalent.
- Social Worker – A person who is a member of the Australian Association of Social Workers.
- Speech Pathologist – A person who is a Certified Practising Speech Pathologist (CPSP) as approved by Speech Pathology Australia.
- Other Professional – A person who is not one of the types of professionals listed above but who the provider considers to be an appropriate professional to deliver therapeutic supports in line with the NDIS Quality and Safeguarding Commission’s requirements for the Therapeutic Supports Registration Group.

Note: Therapists who do not meet the above definitions but who have been accepted by an approved quality auditor of the NDIS Commission as having the relevant qualifications, expertise and experience should use the “Other Professional” support item.

In line with the General Claiming Rules, providers need to make claims against the support item that most accurately reflect the support provided.

This means that where a line item exists for a specific type of professional, supports of that type need to be made against that item.

For example, Art Therapy must be claimed using the Art Therapist line item and Music Therapy must be claimed under the Music Therapist line item, not under 'Other Professional' or any other listed professional.

Note: Where a support is delivered by a therapy assistant, the therapy assistant must be covered by the professional indemnity insurance of the supervising therapist (or the therapist's or therapy assistant's employing provider).

Note: In line with the rules for provider travel for therapy providers, the hourly price limit for provider travel is 50% of the regular price limit. For example, where an Occupational Therapist travelled 30 minutes to a participant, the price limit for this travel time would be \$48.50, not \$97.00. As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 2 clear business days**
- **NDIA Requested Reports**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 15_799_0114_1_3 or 15_799_0126_1_3 or 15_799_0128_1_3, depending on their Registration Group.

These support items are subject to the price limits set out in the following table. Different price limits apply depending on the **Type of Therapist** who delivers the support.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
15_610_0128_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - Art Therapist	Hour	\$156.16	\$218.62	\$234.24
15_611_0128_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - Audiologist	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99
15_043_0128_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - Counsellor • Paid unsupervised provisionally registered psychologists can claim using this line item.	Hour	\$156.16	\$218.62	\$234.24
15_613_0128_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - Developmental Educator	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99
15_062_0128_3_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - Dietitian	Hour	\$188.99	\$264.59	\$283.49
15_200_0126_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - Exercise Physiologist	Hour	\$166.99	\$233.79	\$250.49
15_200_0128_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - Exercise Physiologist	Hour	\$166.99	\$233.79	\$250.49
15_615_0128_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - Music Therapist	Hour	\$156.16	\$218.62	\$234.24
15_617_0128_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - Occupational Therapist	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99
15_618_0128_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - Orthoptist	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99
15_055_0128_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - Physiotherapist	Hour	\$183.99	\$257.59	\$275.99
15_619_0128_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - Podiatrist	Hour	\$188.99	\$264.59	\$283.49
15_054_0128_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - Psychologist	Hour	\$232.99	\$326.19	\$349.49

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
	This includes paid provisionally registered Psychologists operating under supervision.				
15_620_0128_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - Rehabilitation Counsellor	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99
15_621_0128_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - Social Worker	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99
15_622_0128_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - Speech Pathologist	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99
15_056_0128_1_3	Assessment Recommendation Therapy or Training - Other Professional	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99
15_052_0128_1_3	Therapy Assistant - Level 1 Support must be delivered by a therapy assistant working under the delegation and direct supervision at all times of a therapist.	Hour	\$56.16	\$78.62	\$84.24
15_053_0128_1_3	Therapy Assistant - Level 2 Support must be delivered by a therapy assistant working under the delegation and supervision of a therapist, where the therapist is satisfied that the therapy assistant is able to work independently without direct supervision at all times.	Hour	\$86.79	\$121.51	\$130.19

Community Engagement Assistance

This support item entails the provision to a participant of a support to empower participants and improve interactions between participants and their social networks, or the provision of support to a participant to assist them to engage effectively in the community through a group approach to help achieve goals, gain insight into their lives, and make informed decisions.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants or to groups subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*. As well as direct service provision, this support item can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 2 clear business days**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 15_799_0128_1_3.

This support item is subject to the price limits set out in the following table. If the support item is delivered to a group, then the price limit for each participant is the price limit set out in the table below.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
15_045_0128_1_3	Community Engagement Assistance	Hour	\$51.20	\$71.68	\$76.80

Hearing Supports

These support items provide for hearing services not covered under the MBS performed by a suitably qualified Audiologist or Audiometrist.

These support items can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*. These support items can only be delivered by the following types of professionals:

- Audiologist – A person who is either currently certified as an Audiology Australia Accredited Audiologist or who is a Current Full Member as an audiologist of the Australian College of Audiology.
- Audiometrist – A person who is either a Current Full Member of the Hearing Aid Audiometrist Society of Australia or who is a Current Full Member as an audiometrist of the Australian College of Audiology.

Note: In line with the rules for provider travel for therapy providers, the hourly price limit for provider travel is 50% of the regular price limit. For example, where an audiologist travelled 30 minutes to a participant, the price limit for this travel time would be \$48.50, not \$97.00. As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 2 clear business days**
- **NDIA Requested Reports**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 01_799_0119_1_1 or 15_799_0119_1_3 or 01_799_0134_1_1 or 15_799_0134_1_3, depending on their Registration Group.

These support items are subject to the price limits set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
15_501_0119_1_3	Provision of Hearing Services by an Audiologist	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99
15_502_0134_1_3	Provision of Hearing Services by an Audiologist	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99
15_503_0134_1_3	Provision of Hearing Services by an Audiometrist	Hour	\$166.83	\$233.56	\$250.25

Multidisciplinary Team Supports

This support item enables a coordinated multidisciplinary approach to be delivered to participants 9 or older. All team members will claim against a single support item, thereby increasing flexibility in service delivery to reflect the changing needs of a participant. It can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

This support item can only be used with the prior approval of the NDIA.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
15_049_0128_1_3	Multidisciplinary Team	Each	N/A	N/A	N/A

Delivery of Disability Related Health Supports by a Nurse

These **Disability-Related Health Supports** provide nursing care to respond to the disability-related health needs of a participant where that care is not the usual responsibility of the health system.

These support items can be delivered to individual participants or to groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*. In particular:

- The **enrolled nurse** support items should be used when the nurse who delivered the support would be classified as an Enrolled nurse under the Nurses Award 2020 (A.4) if they were classified under that Award. An enrolled nurse is a person who provides nursing care under the direct or indirect supervision of a registered nurse. They have completed the prescribed education preparation and demonstrated competence to practice under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law as an enrolled nurse in Australia. Enrolled nurses are accountable for their own practice and remain responsible to a registered nurse for the delegated care.
- The **registered nurse** support items should be used when the nurse who delivered the support would be classified as a Registered nurse – level 1 (RN1) under the Nurses Award 2020 (A.5.1) if they were classified under that Award. Under the Award, a registered nurse is a person who has completed the prescribed education preparation, demonstrates competence to practice, and is registered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law as a registered nurse in Australia.
- The **clinical nurse** support items should be used when the nurse who delivered the support would be classified as a Registered nurse – level 2 (RN2) under the Nurses Award 2020 (A.5.2) if they were classified under that Award. Under the Award, a clinical nurse is a more experienced and skilled registered nurse. Duties of a clinical nurse will substantially include, but are not confined to, delivering direct and comprehensive nursing care and individual case management to a specific group of patients or clients in a particular area of nursing practice.
- The **clinical nurse consultant** support items should be used when the nurse who delivered the support would be classified as a Registered nurse – level 3 (RN3) or higher under the Nurses Award 2020 (A.5.3) if they were classified under that Award. Under the Award, a clinical nurse consultant is a nurse practicing in the advanced practice role. Advanced practice nursing is a qualitatively different level of advanced nursing practice to that of the registered nurse due to the additional legislative functions and the regulatory requirements. The requirements include a prescribed educational level, a specified advanced nursing practice experience, and continuing professional development.
- The **nurse practitioner** support items should be used when the nurse who delivered the support would be classified as a Nurse Practitioner under the Nurses Award 2020 (A.7) if they were classified under that Award. Under the Award, a nurse practitioner is an advanced practice nurse endorsed by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia who has direct clinical contact and practices within their scope under the legislatively protected title ‘nurse practitioner’ under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law.

As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**

- **Short Notice Cancellation – 2 clear business days**
- **NDIA Requested Reports**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 15_799_0114_1_3.

These support items are subject to price limits as set out in the following table. Different price limits apply depending on the **Time of Day and Day of Week**; and on the **Type of Nurse** who delivers the support.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
15_400_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by an Enrolled Nurse - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$99.88	\$139.83	\$149.82
15_401_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by an Enrolled Nurse - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$110.18	\$154.25	\$165.27
15_405_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by an Enrolled Nurse - Weekday Night	Hour	\$112.22	\$157.11	\$168.33
15_402_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by an Enrolled Nurse - Saturday	Hour	\$142.48	\$199.47	\$213.72
15_403_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by an Enrolled Nurse - Sunday	Hour	\$163.79	\$229.31	\$245.69
15_404_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by an Enrolled Nurse - Public Holiday	Hour	\$185.08	\$259.11	\$277.62
15_406_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by a Registered Nurse - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$123.65	\$173.11	\$185.48
15_407_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by a Registered Nurse - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$136.41	\$190.97	\$204.62
15_411_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by a Registered Nurse - Weekday Night	Hour	\$138.95	\$194.53	\$208.43
15_408_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by a Registered Nurse - Saturday	Hour	\$176.47	\$247.06	\$264.71
15_409_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by a Registered Nurse - Sunday	Hour	\$202.87	\$284.02	\$304.31
15_410_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by a Registered Nurse - Public Holiday	Hour	\$229.27	\$320.98	\$343.91
15_412_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$143.04	\$200.26	\$214.56
15_413_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$157.77	\$220.88	\$236.66
15_417_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse - Weekday Night	Hour	\$160.73	\$225.02	\$241.10
15_414_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse - Saturday	Hour	\$204.12	\$285.77	\$306.18
15_415_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse - Sunday	Hour	\$234.67	\$328.54	\$352.01
15_416_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse - Public Holiday	Hour	\$265.20	\$371.28	\$397.80
15_418_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse Consultant - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$169.16	\$236.82	\$253.74
15_419_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse Consultant - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$186.63	\$261.28	\$279.95
15_423_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse Consultant - Weekday Night	Hour	\$190.12	\$266.17	\$285.18
15_420_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse Consultant - Saturday	Hour	\$241.52	\$338.13	\$362.28
15_421_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse Consultant - Sunday	Hour	\$277.69	\$388.77	\$416.54
15_422_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse Consultant - Public Holiday	Hour	\$313.86	\$439.40	\$470.79
15_424_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by a Nurse Practitioner - Weekday Daytime	Hour	\$176.85	\$247.59	\$265.28

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
15_425_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by a Nurse Practitioner - Weekday Evening	Hour	\$195.09	\$273.13	\$292.64
15_429_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by a Nurse Practitioner - Weekday Night	Hour	\$198.75	\$278.25	\$298.13
15_426_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by a Nurse Practitioner - Saturday	Hour	\$252.51	\$353.51	\$378.77
15_427_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by a Nurse Practitioner - Sunday	Hour	\$290.33	\$406.46	\$435.50
15_428_0114_1_3	Delivery of Health Supports by a Nurse Practitioner - Public Holiday	Hour	\$328.16	\$459.42	\$492.24

Specialised Driver Training Support

This support item provides driving lessons required due to the impact of a participant's disability. This item should be in response to an assessment by a specialist Driver Trained Occupational Therapist.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants subject to the rules set out the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

This support item is subject to quotation. It should only be used if it is a stated item in a plan.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
15_046_0129_1_3	Specialised Driver Training	Each	N/A	N/A	N/A

Other Supports

These support items assist the development of, or increase, a participant's skills and or capacity for independence and community participation.

These support items can be delivered to individual participants or to groups (see **Claiming for Group-Based Supports**) subject to the rules set out the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, these support item can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**
- **NDIA Requested Reports**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 15_799_0106_1_3 or 15_799_0117_1_3 or 01_799_0135_1_1 or 15_799_0135_1_3, depending on their Registration Group.

These support items are subject to the price limits set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
15_035_0106_1_3	Assistance With Decision Making Daily Planning and Budgeting • Provision of time limited support to assist a person to develop and maintain daily budget, including assisting in planning purchases.	Hour	\$70.23	\$98.32	\$105.35
15_037_0117_1_3	Skill Development And Training including Public Transport Training • Individual training provided in the home or in the community for general life skills to increase independence.	Hour	\$70.23	\$98.32	\$105.35
15_038_0117_1_3	Training For Carers/Parents • Training for carers in matters related to caring for a person with disability.	Hour	\$80.06	\$112.08	\$120.09
15_047_0135_1_3	Selection and/or Manufacture of Customised or Wearable Technology	Hour	\$193.99	\$271.59	\$290.99

Assistive Technology Mentors (AT Mentors)

This support item enables provision of independent, qualified advice and assistance for participants to identify, select and use appropriate assistive technology to meet their disability related needs. AT Mentors are currently authorised as AT Advisors under the NDIS Guidelines for Assistive Technology, but may not provide AT Assessment services. They can provide capacity building and peer support to participants receiving AT Assessment services, or higher cost AT products, but must do so under the oversight of a suitably qualified AT Assessor.

The NDIS Guidelines for Assistive Technology can be found on the NDIS website:

<https://ourguidelines.ndis.gov.au/supports-you-can-access-menu/equipment-and-technology/assistive-technology/what-do-you-need-do-you-buy-your-assistive-technology/what-do-we-mean-advice-or-assessment>

The work of AT Mentors requires lived and/or learnt experience of disability and AT. AT Mentors must have ASQA recognised tertiary qualifications in AT Mentoring (minimum of Certificate IV in AT Mentoring) or equivalent training.

This support item can be delivered to individual participants, subject to the rules set out in the *NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits*.

As well as direct service provision, these support items can be used to claim for:

- **Non-Face-to-Face Support Provision**
- **Provider Travel**
- **Short Notice Cancellation – 7 days**
- **NDIA Requested Reports**

Providers of this support can also claim for the costs of:

- **Provider Travel – Non-Labour Costs** using support item 15_799_0103_6_3

This support item is subject to price limits as set out in the following table.

Item Number	Item Name and Notes	Unit	National	Remote	Very Remote
15_300_0103_1_3	Assistive Technology Mentoring	Hour	\$105.43	\$147.60	\$158.15

Appendix A: History of Changes

Version	Page(s)	Details of Amendment	Date Published	Date of Effect
1.0	NA	NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits 2025-26	16 June 2025	1 July 2025
1.1	NA	Removal of COVID-19 content under the "Addenda to the PAPL" and heading "COVID-19 Response".	14 October 2025	24 November 2025
1.1	NA	Removal of Low Cost AT – Support Capacity Building	14 October 2025	24 November 2025
1.1	94, 96	Price limit reduction for Art and Music therapies from \$193.99 to \$156.16 per hour.	14 October 2025	24 November 2025
1.1	30	The Modified Monash Model has been updated to 2023 from 2019. The following locations are recognised as remote and no longer reclassified as remote: - WA: Green Head, Leeman - QLD: Blythdale, Euthulla, Orange Hill, Horrocks. Full lists of locations that meet the Isolated Towns definition have been added for Greater Geraldton, Irwin, and Mingenew.	14 October 2025	24 November 2025
1.1	41	Amendment of the text for intensive and complex behaviour support to clarify that plan managed participants use providers, rather than plan managers	14 October 2025	1 July 2025
1.1	66, 79, 80	Adjustment of line item descriptions to align with the NDIS support list exclusions: - Community, Social, and Recreational Activities - Innovative Community Participation - Community Participation Activities	14 October 2025	1 July 2025
1.1	21-25	Revised guidance on travel claiming to reflect changes to pricing for therapists effective 1 July 2025	14 October 2025	1 July 2025
1.1	14	Reference to Supports that are NDIS supports lists	14 October 2025	1 July 2025

Therapy supports

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Quick summary: Therapy supports are [evidence-based supports](#) to help you build or maintain your skills and independence. These supports are delivered by allied health professionals to help you manage everyday activities at school or work, in your home and community. They can help you to build skills to increase your independence and take part in social and community activities. They can also help you pursue work or study goals, if you want to.

This guideline is for participants to learn more about different types of therapy supports and how they might work for you. We talk about how you can get therapy supports in your NDIS plan for the first time and when you change your plan.

Note:

When we say:

- 'your plan', we mean your NDIS plan
- 'therapist' we mean an allied health professional who delivers your NDIS therapy supports
- 'therapy assistant', we mean an allied health assistant with the skills to help their supervising therapist deliver parts of your therapy support program. To learn more, go to [Who can deliver therapy supports?](#)
- multidisciplinary team, we mean a team of people with different skills, working together to help you build your skills and independence and work towards your NDIS goals.

If you're aged between 9 and 65 years and are looking for information about community connections, go to [Our Guideline – Community connections](#).

If your child is younger than 9 and you're looking for information about our early childhood approach, go to [Our Guideline – Early childhood approach](#).

What's in this guideline?

This guideline covers:

- [What do we mean by therapy supports?](#)
- [Who can deliver therapy supports?](#)

- [What therapy supports can we fund?](#)
- [What therapy supports can't we fund?](#)
- [How can you get therapy supports in your plan?](#)
- [What happens when you get therapy supports in your plan?](#)
- [What if you don't agree with our decision?](#)

You might also be interested in:

- [Mainstream and community supports](#)
- [Disability-related health supports](#)
- [Behaviour support](#)

What do we mean by therapy supports?

Therapy supports can be either for [capacity building](#) to help you build new skills, or for [maintenance](#), when therapy supports can help to slow the loss of existing skills. They're also known as therapeutic supports. They're [evidence-based supports](#) delivered by a therapist to help you build or maintain your skills and independence, in areas such as:

- language and communication, like conversation and social skills
- [personal care](#), like getting washed and dressed
- mobility and movement, like walking and moving around your home
- interpersonal interactions, like social and relationship skills at school or work
- functioning (including psychosocial functioning), like problem-solving and decision-making
- community living, like using public transport.

What is 'evidence-based' therapy support?

For a therapy support to be evidence-based, we need to make sure it uses current best-practice evidence or is from the highest quality research. Current best-practice evidence helps us to understand how well the therapy works for you.

When we decide which therapy supports are evidence-based, we think about:

- the most up-to-date and reliable research studies

- the data we've collected from you about how you've used them to pursue your goals and meet your desired outcomes
- expert best-practice advice from therapists
- information we've received from the disability community and peak bodies
- if it's value for money compared to the supports available from other mainstream systems, like health or education
- feedback about other schemes in Australia and overseas.

We need to be sure there's enough [evidence](#) this type of therapy is effective and beneficial to improve or maintain your skills and independence. This could be for someone with similar disability support needs to you, or for all NDIS participants. All therapy supports must be safe and use current best practice.

If we decide a therapy support is evidence-based, you'll still need to provide evidence from your allied health professional to show that these therapy supports are right for you. Learn more in [What information do we need if you don't have therapy supports in your plan?](#)

What are capacity building therapy supports?

Capacity building therapy supports aim to build your skills and independence. They can help you do everyday activities in your home, community, at school or work. They have specific goals and outcomes, with a timeframe to achieve them. You may need them for a short time or a longer time, depending on your individual situation.

You may need capacity building therapy supports at different times or stages in your life, such as:

- at a developmental stage, like childhood to adolescence
- at specific life stage transitions. For example, leaving school, moving out of your family home or getting a job
- after a recent diagnosis once health-based rehabilitation is finished, for example motor neurone disease
- when you've had a change in your situation, such as a decline in your functional capacity or skills
- where you want to learn a new life skill, for example when learning to catch a bus.

As your capacity and independence grow, it's likely you'll need less capacity building therapy supports over time. Your therapy supports may also reduce your need for core supports like assistance with daily life or social, economic and community participation. If your condition is

progressive, you might change over to using [maintenance](#) therapy supports once your capacity has improved. For some people, a mix of capacity building therapy supports and maintenance therapy supports might be suitable. If you need capacity building therapy supports, your therapist will assess your disability support needs and work with you to create a therapy plan or program. This includes strategies and supports to help you build your skills. They may also recommend things for you to practice at home with your informal supports like family and friends.

In your therapy plan, the therapist will need to show how their approach and your goals will be measured. Before your plan reassessment, we may ask you to provide us with evidence from your therapist. This is to show us the progress you are making towards your goals and any measurable outcomes. Your therapists will need to provide evidence on [progress towards your goals](#) and let us know how the therapy supports are working for you.

Learn more about capacity building [support budgets in your plan](#).

Example

Shae is 21 and lives at home with her family. Shae lives with Down Syndrome and needs support with some everyday tasks because of her disability. She wants to develop her personal care skills so she can get ready on her own before work.

Shae uses her NDIS supports to work with an occupational therapist (OT). Together they develop a therapy plan to help build her independence to get ready for work. Her OT explains the therapy plan to her family and support workers too as they'll help her follow it.

Shae's therapy plan says that she'll meet regularly with her OT for the next 6 months. In these sessions the OT will help Shae learn new skills, measure progress and support her to overcome any challenges. The OT will work with Shae to make sure the supports and strategies in her therapy plan are effective in helping her build her independence. If needed they'll change them.

Before her plan reassessment date, Shae will check in with her OT to work out if she needs ongoing therapy supports in her plan. If she does, we'll ask for a progress report from the OT to decide if Shae needs ongoing funding for this type of therapy support.

What are maintenance therapy supports?

You may need this type of therapy support to help you maintain your current functional capacity. When we say functional capacity, we mean the things you can and can't do because of your disability. Maintenance therapy supports can also help prevent or delay your functional capacity from getting worse. They may help you achieve modest improvements over time, adapt the skills you already have to different environments or maintain your

current level of functional capacity. For example, stretching programs to stop someone with muscle spasticity from losing a range of movement.

When you have a recent diagnosis or change in your skills or function, you may need time-limited, capacity building therapy supports before moving to therapy supports for maintenance.

You may need ongoing maintenance therapy if your function is likely to change or get worse over time without intervention. For example, if you have cerebral palsy you might need ongoing therapy support to maintain a level of independence to do daily tasks for and with muscle strength, balance and movement activities to prevent your physical function from getting worse.

Example

Hassan has several chronic conditions, including Parkinson's disease, steady weight loss and diabetes. He frequently sees a speech therapist to help him communicate more effectively with his family, friends and support workers. This therapy also helps deal with Hassan's difficulty with swallowing.

Together, Hassan and his speech therapist set some therapy goals. This will help him improve his food and nutritional intake and communicate more effectively. These goals also recognise Hassan's expected decline in function. For example, Hassan's informal supports can help by reducing background noise and speaking more slowly, to help his verbal communication. He could also start using an augmented or alternative communication (AAC) system to improve communication for when his verbal communication skills decline more in the future.

This maintenance program can be followed by his family, friends or support worker. As his condition progresses, the program may need to be re-evaluated. The maintenance therapy supports help with Hassan's changing needs. They also give him the support he needs to keep participating in the things that are important to him.

What are therapy supports for children and young people?

This guideline outlines how we make decisions about therapy supports for children who are aged 9 years and older. To learn more about how we support children younger than 9 and their families, visit [Our Guideline – Early childhood approach](#).

What if your child has been getting early childhood supports and is turning 9?

If your child has been getting early childhood supports as part of their plan before they turn 9, they may transition to other types of capacity building supports, including therapy supports when their plan is reassessed.

Early childhood supports should draw on best-practice principles that follow the [National Best Practice Framework for Early Childhood Intervention](#). This includes early childhood intervention for professionals working together as a team to deliver early childhood supports to your child and family.

When your child turns 9, the way the NDIS funds therapy is different. It may mean your child's plan includes individual therapy supports rather than a multidisciplinary team approach. To find NDIS registered providers, you can search the [Provider Finder](#), or when you are on the [my NDIS portals or app](#). You can also talk to your my NDIS contact or support coordinator.

As your child's independence and functional capacity grows, their therapy support needs may reduce or change. We'll check in with you regularly about any changes to your child's disability-related support needs as they grow and develop. We'll fund therapy supports as well as other support types to meet your child's disability support needs.

Supports for families and carers to help you with everyday activities

Good therapy is delivered in collaboration with the participant and their support network, leading to the most valuable outcomes.

Some family members, carers, support workers and community organisations may need training so they can help you do your everyday activities. We can fund your therapist to help you implement these strategies. This might involve training your informal supports so they can also help you build your independence or help with your maintenance supports. For example, we may fund an occupational therapist to train your family members how to safely use your support equipment, such as a chair lift.

Who can deliver therapy supports?

NDIS therapy supports can only be delivered by qualified [allied health professionals](#). We sometimes refer to them as therapists. They may also deliver other NDIS supports to you such as [disability-related health supports](#).

To learn more about the allied health professionals who can deliver NDIS therapy supports, go to [NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits](#).

Allied health professionals are also expected to:

- comply with the [NDIS Code of Conduct](#)
- comply with the [NDIS Practice Standards](#) if they're NDIS registered providers

- take part in ongoing professional development to provide the best and most current evidence-based therapy supports
- deliver specialised therapy supports to help with your individual disability-related needs
- help you work towards your specific therapy goals and pursue your NDIS goals
- behave ethically, in line with their duty of care and in your best interests
- deliver therapy supports and invoice in line with the [NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits](#).

Depending on your needs and goals, you might get therapy supports from more than one allied health professional when you're working towards different goals. For example, you might be starting a job. You may need an occupational therapist to help you improve your skills to travel to new places and manage the changes in your life. You may also need a speech pathologist to help build your social and communication skills so you can communicate confidently with others. It may be important for your therapists to work together so they can coordinate the therapy supports they deliver to get the best outcomes for you. Talk to your allied health professionals if you want more coordination of your therapies.

Therapists are qualified allied health professionals, who are registered with the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency \(AHPRA\)](#) for regulated professions or accredited by a relevant peak body for self-regulated professions. Ask your provider about their qualifications and professional registration to make sure they're able to provide the right supports for you.

Allied health professionals and providers who are not qualified or registered with the relevant professional body can't be funded as therapy.

What is the role of therapy assistants?

Some therapy supports can be delivered by a therapy assistant. Therapy assistants are sometimes called allied health assistants. They have the skills to perform specific tasks or deliver therapy support programs under the supervision or delegation of an allied health professional. They usually hold relevant TAFE qualifications and can be members of the [Allied Health Assistants' National Association Ltd \(AHANA\)](#).

There are 2 levels of therapy assistant:

- level 1 must always work under the direct supervision of the allied health professional
- level 2 can work under the delegation, without direct supervision of the allied health professional. The use of an assistant can be a cost-effective way to deliver therapy outcomes which means your therapy funding will last longer.

The main benefit of using a therapy assistant is they can practise these skills with you in natural environments like your home, community or school.

You can use your therapy budget flexibly for a mix of allied health therapy supports. This may include a therapy assistant if your allied health professional agrees this is suitable for you. For example, they can help you with activities to practise daily living skills like personal care and speech programs. Usually when we fund a therapy assistant, we expect that sessions with them will replace some of the sessions normally provided by the supervising allied health professional.

Provisional psychologists or allied health students on placement or internship may deliver specific tasks and supports to you under supervision, with your consent. You need to make sure they are covered by the supervising allied health professional's insurance. As this is an unpaid learning role for they won't be able to claim from your plan for delivering support to you. Instead, the cost of supervision and support delivered by the supervising therapist can be claimed from your plan, with your agreement.

To learn more about claiming for therapy supports, go to the [NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits](#).

What therapy supports can we fund?

NDIS laws determine what we can and can't fund. We can only fund therapy supports that meet all the [NDIS funding criteria](#). This includes that it's an NDIS support we can fund. To learn more, go to [What is an NDIS support?](#)

Here you'll find general descriptions and examples to help you understand the type of therapy supports we can fund and who can deliver them. When we describe the different therapies, we've included any professional bodies the therapist must be part of and what the therapy might help you achieve.

We may also be able to fund other types of therapists if they meet the requirements in [NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits](#).

Art therapy

Art therapy can support you to explore and regulate your feelings and emotions, improve self-awareness and develop your communication skills. The focus of art therapy as an individual therapy support is the creative process of making art, not the final product. It can be delivered in different ways, like through painting, drawing, sculpting, dance and movement. Art therapy is not the same as art lessons. Art supplies used to deliver art therapy should be included in the cost of the therapy session.

To provide therapy supports funded by the NDIS, an art therapist must be a professional member of the [Australian New Zealand and Asian Creative Arts Therapies Association \(ANZACATA\)](#). ANZACATA requires art therapists to have a master's degree in art therapy.

Example

Tahnee is 18 years old. She is a participant from the lands of the Gimuy Walubara Yidinji peoples of Far North Queensland. She has cerebral palsy and is autistic. Tahnee has good evidence that working with an art therapist every fortnight for 6 months will help improve her functional capacity.

Tahnee's mother found a registered therapist who uses art and storytelling as part of her practice. The therapist will deliver art therapy as a culturally appropriate, family-centred approach. This means Tahnee can go to therapy sessions with her mother or grandmother if she wants to. We fund art therapy for Tahnee because there is evidence this type of therapy can help improve her overall functional abilities. Importantly, this support will help Tahnee work towards her goal of being more independent.

Audiology

Audiologists are experts in hearing loss at any age. They can help you to maximise hearing function or improve balance and provide counselling, aural rehabilitation and communication training. This can involve the use of hearing aids and other assistive technology to improve your ability to communicate.

Audiology therapies include treatments for hearing and balance disorders like hearing tests, tinnitus management and vestibular rehabilitation. Audiologists must either be currently certified as an Audiology Australia Accredited Audiologist by [Audiology Australia \(AudA\)](#) or as a full member of the [Australian College of Audiology \(ACAud\)](#).

Counselling

Counsellors can help by providing a safe space to explore your emotions, develop resilience, learn skills to communicate positively and set clear goals. They can help you to identify personal and societal barriers related to disability and learn ways to manage or overcome them. For example, they can support you to develop a personal plan to learn coping and well-being strategies to adapt to a new disability diagnosis and build your resilience. Any equipment or supplies used to deliver counselling should be included in the cost of the therapy session, such as sand trays or fidget tools.

A counsellor must be a member of the [Australian Counselling Association](#), or registered with the [Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia](#) or a provisionally registered

psychologist working towards full registration with [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency \(AHPRA\)](#).

Example

Paul is autistic and has asked for therapy supports to help him build his skills to have conversations with his friends. Paul feels nervous about talking with a counsellor, especially about his friendships and the skills he wants to improve. He wants to work with a counsellor who includes a therapy dog in their sessions as he thinks this will make it easier for him to feel relaxed. He finds a counsellor who uses a therapy dog. This helps Paul to relax, regulate his emotions and talk to the counsellor without feeling anxious during therapy.

We can fund animal-assisted counselling therapy for Paul because it meets the [NDIS funding criteria](#). It will help Paul increase his skills in areas related to his disability. For Paul, who has some difficulty with social communication, funding a counsellor will help him improve his skills to make and keep friends. The counsellor can include a therapy dog to help them work with Paul if they don't charge him any additional fees for using the dog.

Developmental education

Developmental education is a therapy support to help you build skills, independence and quality of life, often in childhood or adolescence. Developmental educators have expertise in developmental or acquired disabilities. They can also implement strategies from other therapists with children under the age of 18. For example, they may support you to navigate life stage transitions such as leaving school. They can work with you to develop social and emotional regulation strategies. A developmental educator must hold a bachelor's degree or higher and be a current full member of [Developmental Educators Australia Incorporated](#).

Example

Stephanie is 13 years old and autistic. She lives at home with her mother. Stephanie is starting high school next year and wants to learn how to be more organised and get ready for school. She also wants to learn to build her social skills so she can tell her friends and teachers what she needs and prefers.

Stephanie uses the NDIS supports in her plan to work with a developmental educator. Stephanie, her mother and her developmental educator have put together a therapy plan. The strategies in the plan will help her learn personal care, planning and organisational skills and increase her independence. She also wants to learn self-advocacy skills. Stephanie's developmental educator explains how to carry out the therapy plan and gives a copy to her school as part of her individual learning plan.

Stephanie's current plan includes regular meetings with her developmental educator for the next 3 months, before she starts at her new school. This is to make sure the supports and strategies are effective in helping her build her independence and pursue her goals. Her developmental educator will also work out what future supports Stephanie may need.

Dietary support

Dietetics and dietary support can help you to learn new ways to manage the dietary and eating needs that relate to your disability. Dietitians provide evidence-based nutrition services, dietary counselling and therapy. For example, they can help you create a personalised mealtime plan or implement eating and swallowing strategies. They can work with you to make sure the food you are eating is safe and healthy for you. They can also review and update mealtime plans and strategies, as needed.

Dietitians must be an Accredited Practising Dietitian with [Dietitians Australia](#).

You can also learn more about disability-related dietary supports in [Our Guideline – Nutrition supports including meal preparation](#).

Exercise physiology

Exercise physiology is a therapy support to help you work out the best clinical exercises, that work for you and implement them, to help you pursue your goals. The use of exercise-based therapies can help you learn more about muscle strength and physical activity related to your disability. Exercise physiologists can also support needs that result from your disability. For example, they can help a person with multiple sclerosis using a walker to maintain muscle strength and independence. This might mean they don't need a support worker to help them as often, and they can move about more independently.

Exercise physiologists must be an Accredited Exercise Physiologist (AEP) with [Exercise and Sports Science Australia](#).

Music therapy

Music therapy can support you to explore and regulate your feelings and emotions, build skills in memory, movement and sequencing. The focus of music therapy as an individual therapy support is the therapeutic impact of music on the brain, mind and body. For example, music therapy can help improve communication, self-expression, coordination and mobility. Music therapy can be delivered in many ways, such as listening to music, songwriting, music making and as an assisted relaxation strategy. It is not the same as music lessons.

Registered Music Therapists (RMTs) can help people in areas like communication, motor skills, mobility, mood, emotions, cognitive capacity, identity and self-confidence. RMTs have a university degree in music therapy and must be registered with the [Australian Music Therapy Association](#).

Occupational therapy

Occupational therapy can help you build skills and confidence to take part in everyday activities, with more independence. An occupational therapist works with you to create a personalised plan to explore and implement practical solutions at home or in your community, at school or work. For example, this might include learning strategies to manage change and make informed decisions, like planning and organisation. It might also include practical skills you can use to stay safe around your home and community, so you can live more independently. They can also help you learn new skills or find different ways of doing things that are safe and works for you, such as using equipment to cook, dress or shower.

Occupational therapists must have a current [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency \(AHPRA\)](#) registration as an occupational therapist.

Example

Trey is 37 years old. Just over a year ago, Trey was involved in an accident that resulted in a spinal cord injury. He had treatment for his injury, followed by rehabilitation in hospital for 10 months. The hospital occupational therapist did an assessment of Trey's home before he left hospital. During his rehabilitation, he applied for NDIS disability-related supports for when he got home. He lives with his sister and has a goal to work from home.

Trey uses his NDIS funding for an occupational therapist. He develops a transfer and position plan for Trey to reduce the risk of falls and pressure injuries. This includes regular training for his support workers and sister. His occupational therapist also identifies strategies and equipment to help him with showering, dressing and preparing meals.

His occupational therapist will review and update Trey's maintenance plan and adjust it to meet his support needs. As he makes progress towards his goals, he may need less support or his support needs may change.

Orthoptist

Orthoptists help adults and children with vision difficulties. They work with you if you have vision loss, double vision, an eye movement disorder or neurological condition that makes it hard to understand what you see. Orthoptists can help you learn and understand how your vision works and deliver therapy supports to improve your vision, manage symptoms and optimise how you use your vision. They can teach you about what supports you may need,

for example assistive technology and visual aids, to help you improve your functional vision for everyday activities.

Orthoptists must have current registration with the [Australian Orthoptic Board](#).

Physiotherapy

Physiotherapy as a therapy support can help you build or maintain movement, function and independence. Physiotherapists can assess, treat and manage a wide range of disabilities and impairments that limit brain, muscular, joint, heart and breathing functions. These include cerebral palsy, stroke, Parkinson's Disease, spinal cord injury, pain and stiffness. Physiotherapists also work with you to prevent any loss of mobility and keep you safe from falls or accidents. As part of your therapy plan, they may focus on evidence-based exercise, manual therapy, functional training, carer education or assistive technology, as long as it relates to your disability.

Physiotherapists must have current [AHPRA](#) registration as a physiotherapist.

Podiatry

Podiatrists are healthcare professionals who diagnose, treat, and prevent conditions of your feet, ankles, and lower limbs. They can support you to manage musculoskeletal challenges, skin and nail conditions. They might also deliver diabetic foot care, prescribe orthotics or give footwear advice. Podiatrists will develop a therapy plan with you to improve or maintain a level of mobility that works for you and give you strategies to reduce pain. The focus of a podiatrist is to help you build independence and improve your overall quality of life.

Podiatrists must be registered with the [Podiatry Board AHPRA](#).

Psychology

Psychology as a therapy support can help you build your capacity to do things in your everyday life and join in with your community. We can only fund sessions with psychologists whose focus is to build or maintain your capacity to engage in everyday activities or increase your independence.

Psychologists can assess and deliver tailored supports to help you pursue your individual goals. This could be in your personal or social life, at work or school. For example, they might work with you, and your family, to improve your quality of life, develop new skills and adjust to changes in your life, that relate to your disability. They can also help you manage behaviours and emotions in different settings, like the way you engage in relationships.

If you need support from a psychologist for a mental health diagnosis or treatment, this is the responsibility of the health system and not the NDIS.

Psychologists must have current [AHPRA](#) registration as a psychologist.

If you have behaviours of concern, you may require behaviour support instead of, or as well as, therapy supports. To learn more, go to [Our Guidelines – Behaviour support](#).

Rehabilitation and vocational counselling

Rehabilitation and vocational counselling can help people with a disability or chronic illness pursue their work and study goals in areas like education, employment or community living. These specialist counsellors provide assessments, counselling, case management and service coordination. They can assess your functional capacity and help you pursue goals like finding and keeping a job. Rehabilitation counsellors are tertiary-educated therapists who are members of [Australian Society of Rehabilitation Counsellors \(ASORC\)](#).

Social work

The main focus of social work as a therapy support is to maintain and maximise your social functioning and overall quality of life. Social workers use a holistic approach to understand how your individual factors and social environment might impact your therapy. For example, social workers may support you with individual, family and group work and strategies to adjust to disability and associated lifestyle changes. They can provide therapy supports to help you deal with emotional aspects of life transitions and improve wellbeing. Social workers must be a member of the [Australian Association of Social Workers \(AASW\)](#).

Speech pathology or therapy

Speech pathology or therapy is a therapy support that can help with your communication and swallowing disability support needs. A speech therapist can support you to build the skills you need to receive, send, process and understand information that is spoken, non-spoken and signed. They can also support you to implement the use of picture and graphic symbols.

Speech therapists support you if you have difficulties with speaking, listening, hearing, reading or writing. They can help you to understand language and learning. They can also work with you to improve the different ways you communicate using speech, sign language, assistive technology and other alternative and augmentative communication methods. They can help if you have difficulties with eating, drinking or swallowing.

To provide NDIS supports, speech pathologists must be a Certified Practising Speech Pathologist (CPSP) as approved by [Speech Pathology Australia](#).

Learn more about how they can help with swallowing difficulties in [Our Guideline - Dysphagia supports](#).

What therapy supports can't we fund?

Under the laws for the NDIS, there are things [we can't fund or provide](#). We also can't fund goods and services that are not NDIS supports¹. To learn more, go to [What is not an NDIS support?](#)

We can't fund a therapy support if there isn't enough evidence to show that it has good functional outcomes for people with disability, even if the service provider is an allied health professional.

Supports we can't fund as therapy include:

- **Alternative and complementary therapies** like cuddle therapy, crystal therapy or aromatherapy. This also includes therapies that focus on balancing the body's energy fields.
- **Animal therapy**, such as canine or equine therapy. Recreational, sporting or social activities involving animals could also be called 'animal therapy'. This type of animal therapy isn't an NDIS therapy support because the outcome is for you to have a positive experience with an animal. This is different to an animal being used as a therapy tool to help you achieve your therapy goals. Animal therapy may be funded under social and community participation.
- **Energy and health practices**, such as practices about lifestyle choices, including exercise physiology for general fitness, weight loss and exercise. These are not specifically disability-related practices.
- **Gymnasium or swimming pool memberships**. A physiotherapist or exercise physiologist may want you to do an exercise program at a gym or in a pool. We may fund supports to help you at the gym or pool, for example a support worker to help you access and use the facilities. We won't fund the cost to access the gym, pool or any memberships. This is a cost everyone across Australia would have to pay, whether or not they have a disability.
- **Massage therapy**. Massage that's delivered to you by someone who isn't an allied health professional is not an NDIS support. This includes remedial massage and general massage used for relaxation. We can't fund this type of massage even when it's been recommended by an allied health professional. We also can't fund massage therapists to deliver massage if they work under supervision of an allied health professional. This is because massage therapists are not allied health professionals or therapy assistants.

- **Personal training.** We can't fund a personal trainer as a therapy support. If it meets the NDIS funding criteria, we may fund an appropriately qualified personal trainer as a support in your capacity building - health and wellbeing funding, but not as therapy.
- **Social group programs which include strategies described as 'therapy'.** We can't fund group programs or activities where there's not enough evidence they are an effective therapy support. This includes things like 'Lego therapy' or activities such as yoga, art and music lessons and drama groups. We can fund a support worker to help you get ready for and take part in social and community activities, but we can't fund the cost of the activity or the class. This is because they're costs for everyone, including people with disability.
- **Therapy in a box,** also known as therapy kits or therapy-at-home programs. They are once-off or ongoing subscriptions, sometimes put together and posted out by an allied health practice. Because they're not individually tailored or evidence-based programs, we can't fund this type of therapy support. They're also not overseen or delivered by a qualified therapist with a measurable outcome.
- **Wellness and coaching therapies,** such as general good health practices that focus on improving general wellbeing and making positive lifestyle changes. Some are labelled therapies but aren't recognised by the NDIS because they're not directly disability related.

Mainstream and community support

There are many systems that work alongside the NDIS to provide supports and services. We call these systems [mainstream and community supports](#), and they're available to everyone across Australia. Mainstream supports are the services you can get from other government funded systems like health, mental health and education². For example, the education system is responsible for supports to help you learn, study and pursue your educational goals. This includes adjusting teaching methods and providing you with learning assistance and aids.

There are also many support services available through community organisations, like youth mentoring programs, neighbourhood cooperatives, religious groups and supports from local councils. We call these community supports. Ask your my NDIS contact for help to get in touch with them if you need it.

Learn more about [mainstream and community supports](#) on our website.

How can you get therapy supports in your plan?

For a therapy support to be included in your plan, it must meet all the [NDIS funding criteria](#). Some therapy supports [are not NDIS supports](#). When you ask for therapy supports to be included in your plan, you need to give us an assessment or report from your therapist. It needs to include recommendations for supports you need, how often and the reasons you need them. Allied health professionals can also provide the same information in a letter of recommendation for you to submit as part of your evidence. We call this the [evidence you need to give us before we create or change your plan](#).

We will think about the most effective and beneficial options for you. We won't fund two therapists to work with you on the same therapy goal. However, we can fund a team of allied health professionals to work together as part of a multidisciplinary team approach to help you pursue your NDIS goals.

To learn more about how we decide what therapy supports we can fund, go to [the principles we follow to create your plan](#).

What information do we need if you don't have therapy supports in your plan?

If you haven't had therapy supports before, it may be helpful for you to give us information³ from your treating professional about:

- the type of therapy support you need and why you need it
- the therapy approach that will be used and who might provide it
- what outcome the support aims to give you
- how long and how often you'll need the support to achieve the expected outcome
- evidence of previous treatments you've had and what the results were.

Sometimes we need more information to help us decide if your request for therapy supports meets the [NDIS funding criteria](#). If we do, we may ask you to have an assessment and give us a report.⁴

If we ask you to have a therapy assessment, we'll include funding in your plan to pay for the assessment and a report from your therapist. We'll let you know the information we need in the assessment. For example:

- how your informal, community and mainstream supports will help you to pursue your goals
- how the therapy support will increase or maintain your independence

- how the therapy support will help you pursue your goals and take part in your community, work, and study
- how your gains or expected outcomes will be measured, including how long you will need to achieve the outcome of the therapy support
- the NDIS contact person to forward the information to.

If you need help getting the evidence, or you're not sure what evidence is needed, talk to your my NDIS contact. Learn more about [what happens in your planning conversation](#) and what information we need before your planning meeting.

What happens when we have all the information we need?

When we have all the information and evidence we need, we'll make a decision about funding therapy supports in your plan. If they meet the [NDIS funding criteria](#), we'll include the funding for therapy supports in your NDIS plan.

If we decide some or all the therapy supports recommended in the evidence you provide don't meet the NDIS funding criteria, we can't include them in your plan. We'll give you written reasons for our decision⁵ about the supports we have or haven't included in your plan. This decision is a [reviewable decision](#), which means if you [don't agree with our decision](#), you can ask us to review it.

What happens when you get therapy supports in your plan?

Your plan may include some therapy supports which are funded by us and some by another service, such as the health system. When you have funding for therapy supports in your plan, you can use your funding to get the NDIS supports you need, in line with your plan. If you need help to use your funding, talk to your my NDIS contact, support coordinator or recovery coach.

We include therapy supports in your plan as a [stated support](#) under the Improved Daily Living Skills support category. This means you can only use this funding for therapy. You can't use your therapy funding flexibly to pay for other capacity building supports.⁶ Learn more about [how we describe supports in your plan](#).

Your plan may include funding for therapy supports without describing a specific therapy type. This means you have the flexibility to choose your provider, and where appropriate, the type of therapy that suits your needs. This gives you greater choice and control over the therapy type you choose, and who delivers the therapy.

You can choose if you want to spend your therapy funding on:

- individual or group sessions
- intensive blocks of therapy, or therapy at regular intervals
- a particular therapy, or combination of therapies, that will be most effective in meeting your needs at a certain time.

In some plans we may include extra details, such as a specific stated therapy type or a measurable outcome you want to achieve. When we do this, you must use your funding in the way we describe in your plan. This helps make sure you use the funding for its intended purpose.

Learn more about how to start using your plan in [Our Guideline – Your plan](#).

How will your therapist work with you?

Your therapist will assess your support needs and develop a therapy plan or program for you. Your plan or program will have strategies and recommended supports to help you build your skills to do things or maintain the things you can already do. Your therapist will teach you how to complete your therapy program and will review it regularly to make sure it is still working.

You might want to share your therapy strategies with your other providers and your informal supports. This way, they can also help you with the strategies in between sessions with your therapist.

What information do we need if you're getting therapy supports?

We'll have regular check-ins with you where we'll talk with you to make sure your therapy supports are working for you. We may also talk about how they're working if you have a plan reassessment meeting. This helps us see if your plan is meeting your individual support needs. As your capacity and independence build, we may talk to you about changing your plan.

We may ask your therapist to give us progress reports if we need to reassess your plan. This helps us check that you're making progress towards the goals you set for therapy, and your skills and independence are being improved or maintained. It also helps us understand if you need to continue to receive therapy supports in your next plan, what type of therapy supports you need and the outcomes you want to achieve.

A progress report should include:

- a summary of the supports you're getting

- your experience with how therapy supports have helped you with your disability in the past⁷
- how the support has helped you pursue your goals
- how the support has helped you increase or maintain your independence
- any measurable, functional gains you've made since receiving therapy supports
- if relevant, details of how your therapy supports are being coordinated with other therapists
- how you've been linked to additional informal, community or mainstream supports to help you take part in social, work or study activities
- any barriers to using your supports or getting them provided, and how these have been resolved
- any risks to you or others
- best-practice recommendations for ongoing therapy, if relevant.

If your situation changes, or your NDIS-funded therapy supports are not meeting your needs, you can ask us to change your plan.⁸ Learn more about [changing your plan](#).

What if you don't agree with our decision?

If we decide therapy supports don't meet all our [NDIS funding criteria](#), we can't include them in your plan.

We'll give you written reasons why we made the decision.⁹ You can [contact us](#) if you'd like more detail about the reasons for our decision.

If you don't agree with a decision we've made about therapy supports, you can ask for an internal review of our decision.¹⁰

You'll need to ask for an internal review within 3 months of getting your plan.¹¹

Learn more about [reviewing our decisions](#).

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