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From 1 October 2019, additional disability-related health supports will be available to purchase using NDIS funding.

To access these supports:

- A person must meet the NDIS eligibility requirements and be a NDIS participant
- The need for these supports must directly relate to an NDIS participant's functional impairment, and is ongoing and best provided by the NDIS.

The NDIS will fund disability-related health supports for participants who need help to manage a range of needs including those associated with continence, respiratory care, nutrition, wound and pressure care, dysphagia, diabetes, podiatry and epilepsy.

The health system will continue to be responsible for all acute/post-acute care (e.g. hospital and Hospital in the Home) and chronic health conditions not related to a participant's disability, diagnostic, palliative or time limited (non-ongoing) conditions.

Most participants will get disability-related health supports included in their NDIS plan at their next plan review. In the meantime, the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is contacting people likely to be eligible via letter, email, SMS or phone call over the coming months.

The Commonwealth, State and Territory governments have committed to ensuring NDIS participants continue to receive existing disability-related health supports while the funding responsibility transfers to the NDIS.

Access to disability-related health supports will not stop during this period of transition.

For further information including information packs for participants, providers and the health sector visit the new disability-related health supports section.

The NDIA has also released an Operational Guideline and updated Price Guide and Supports Catalogue to support the implementation of additional disability-related health supports.

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