

Checklist

Innovative Support Checklist



Being Plan-Managed or Self-Managed means you have more choice and control over the types of support you use. This may include mainstream or innovative support, but you still need to follow the operational guidelines and rules set out by the NDIS (see links to the guidelines at the end of this document).

This checklist will help you document your decision-making around the innovative supports you want to use and show how you are meeting the NDIS requirements. You can keep this for your own records, or you might share it with your Plan Manager so they understand how these supports work in your plan.

Work through the checklist and add notes or dot points about how the innovative support will help reach the goals of your NDIS plan.

NAME of Participant:

NAME of person completing the checklist:

Provide a brief description of the innovative support:

NDIS reasonable and necessary requirements

The support helps pursue the goals and aspirations of the participant

How will this support align with the goals mentioned in your/the participant's plan?

What progress will it make towards your/the participant's goals?

The support will assist the participant to undertake activities, so to facilitate the participant's social and economic participation

How will the support help you/ the participant be more involved in your community, build your/the participant's skills and support learning, volunteering or work opportunities?

The support relates to a participant's disability

How is the support directly linked to your/the participant's disability?

The cost of the support is value for money

Does the cost of the support provide value for money across the plan? Is there evidence that the support will improve outcomes and have long-term benefits? Will the support achieve outcomes that cheaper support could not?

- The support doesn't relate to a day-to-day living cost**
It is clear that the support does not cover any day-to-day costs (eg groceries, rent, child day care, car expenses)

- The support doesn't replace support that would usually be provided by family, friends or within your community**
The NDIS is very clear about what it sees as typical 'parental responsibility' or 'informal support' and doesn't fund things or supports it believes should typically be provided by the family. However, does the support work to build skills that will make you/the participant more independent of informal support or support relied on from the community, therefore, building long-term independence?

Some other considerations when engaging new support

The budget categories and funding within your plan

Are enough unspent funds in the budget category in the plan to pay for the support

There needs to be sufficient funding in the budget category to pay for support.

If there is not enough funding remaining you/the participant will need to make alternative arrangements directly with the provider to pay the invoice.

NDIS pricing arrangements and price limits apply to Plan Managed funding

The cost of the support is equal to or below the price limit per the NDIS pricing arrangements and price limits

The NDIS requires Plan Managers to check that the cost per hour agreed with your/the participant's support provider is equal to or below the price limits in the NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits. The NDIS doesn't pay providers who charge higher rates per hour than these price limits.



Additional Resources

What are the NDIS Reasonable and Necessary requirements?

[Reasonable and Necessary | NDIS](#)

NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits

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NDIS would we fund it

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NDIS Booklet 3 - using your NDIS Plan

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