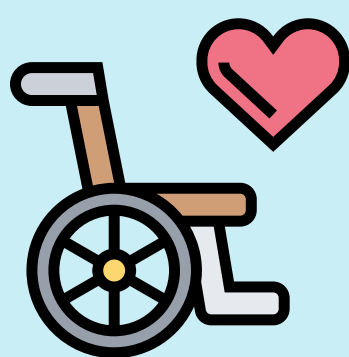


What is Reasonable and Necessary?

When wanting to purchase an item or service using NDIS funding (no matter how your funds are managed), you need to be sure that it meets all six of these criteria:



1. DO YOU NEED THIS BECAUSE OF YOUR DISABILITY?

In other words, would you have to purchase it regardless of whether you had a disability? If so, it doesn't meet this criteria. This includes things that are a daily living expense, like food, mobile phone, internet bill, etc.

2. DOES IT HELP ME ACHIEVE MY GOALS OR PARTICIPATE MORE?

The supports you purchase should be helping you to achieve the goals you identified in your NDIS plan, and/or help you become more independent or more involved in your community.

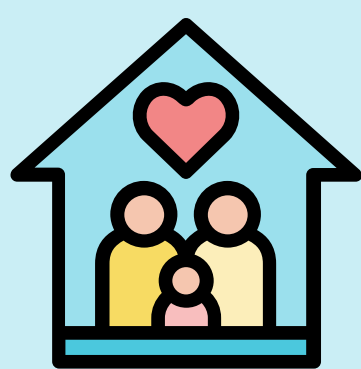


3. IS IT VALUE FOR MONEY?

You need to make sure that the product or service you want to purchase is the most cost-effective solution to help you achieve your goals.

4. IS THE SUPPORT LIKELY TO BE BENEFICIAL?

You should have some evidence that the support you want to purchase is likely to work for you.



5. CAN YOUR INFORMAL SUPPORTS PROVIDE THIS?

Your informal supports are people like family members and friends. If it's realistic for someone else to provide this support (e.g. a parent providing this support for a child), NDIS may not fund it.

6. IS NDIS THE MOST SUITABLE TO PAY FOR THIS SUPPORT?

Think about whether there might be another government system (e.g. Centrelink, education system, health system) that might be better to fund this support.



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