

Disability Services Commission

New approach for allocating funding

The Disability Services Commission (the Commission) is making changes to the way it funds its services. This is to prepare for the roll-out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) throughout Western Australia (WA).

In line with NDIS principles, all decisions about funded supports and services will be made at the local level, based on the strategies outlined in a person's individual plan.

This means that the person with disability along with their family, carers or other people they choose will have the opportunity to work with a Local Coordinator to develop a personal plan for the future. This plan may identify funded reasonable and necessary supports needed to reach their goals.

Because of this new approach to funding, the Combined Application Process (CAP) will no longer run. In the next few years, and until the WA NDIS is fully rolled out across the state, funding that would have been distributed through CAP will be allocated through the individualised planning process.

I currently have CAP funding. What happens now?

In the immediate future, there will be no change. As WA moves into a full scheme NDIS environment over the next few years, eligible people with disability will develop a plan with their Local Coordinator that captures their reasonable and necessary support needs.

I need some support now. Who can I contact?

If a person has urgent or critical needs they can contact their Local Coordinator, who can support them to plan around these needs.

The Commission has also developed a new Prioritisation of Funding policy to ensure people with the most urgent needs are supported during the transition to the state-wide roll-out of the NDIS over the next three years. This is needed because, until the NDIS is fully rolled out across the state, the demand for funded supports will continue to exceed the level of funding available for allocation by the Commission.

Further Information

- Further information about these changes is available from Local Coordinators. Local Coordinators can also assist individuals to explore a range of opportunities while planning their goals and supports. Visit www.disability.wa.gov.au > Individuals.

- To find your nearest Local Coordinator, go to the [‘Your Local Support’](#) search function at www.disability.wa.gov.au > Individuals
- Services and supports for people who live in areas that are part of the NDIS in WA may vary from those provided elsewhere. For more about the NDIS visit www.disability.wa.gov.au > WA NDIS.
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