

10 Things You Might Not Know About Your NDIS Plan



While the NDIS offers vital support, navigating its complex plans can be challenging. As a leading disability service provider, we understand your challenges. So, our experts have created this guide to empower you to get the most out of your NDIS plan.

1. The NDIS only funds primary disability supports

The NDIS focuses on your primary disability and the funding required to meet needs relevant to it. So, ensure your primary disability is clearly stated on your application, and evidence of the disability is provided, for the best chance of being eligible for funding.

2. You cannot use your funding however you want

The NDIS provides funding for supports directly related to your disability and deemed "reasonable and necessary". While some supports offer flexibility (see point 3), most can be used only for what they are provided for – known as Stated Support.

3. Your Core Support must meet your disability needs

If using Core Support flexibly, ensure the use can be linked to how it supports you with your disability. With no clear link, you may be at risk of NDIS funding reductions.

4. If you do not spend it, you risk losing it

While it may be tempting to save NDIS funds for future needs, if you do not use the funds allocated in your NDIS plan, you risk losing them. During your plan review, the NDIS may decide to reduce future funding.

5. Your NDIS funding sits in an 'invisible' bucket

Service providers allocate funds from your NDIS budget for services they provide. While you cannot physically see this 'bucket', you (or your nominee/manager) can monitor the remaining balance. Regularly tracking this balance ensures you are using your plan to its full potential.

6. SIL and SDA funding are not the same

Supported Independent Living (SIL) and Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) are funded separately in your NDIS plan and provide different types of support. SIL funding is for daily living supports while SDA funding enables you to live in specifically designed homes.

7. Have more complex needs? Ask for higher funding

Do you have complex needs related to behaviour and/or disability-related health? Explore the option of receiving a higher level of funding, so you have more specialised support to meet those needs. This is called 'High Intensity Support'.

8. Positive Behaviour Support assists your wider network

Your Positive Behaviour Support – Improved Relationships funding – is designed to create a stronger support network around you. It can be used for various purposes, including behavioural interventions, support plan development and training for your network.

9. The NDIS and DSP are separate

Participants often express concern that the NDIS and their Disability Support Pension (DSP) may impact each other. This is not the case. You are not at risk of losing one if you have the other.

10. Plan review outcomes can be challenged

If you feel your NDIS plan is not meeting your support needs, you can challenge the NDIA's decision. By submitting a Review of Reviewable Decision, an independent reviewer will assess your situation and decide if a different outcome is appropriate.

Empower your NDIS journey: Get expert support

Our dedicated NDIS team is here to help.

They stay up-to-date on the ever-evolving NDIS system and are passionate about helping you navigate and maximise your Individual Support Plan.

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