

| Part | NDIS Act (2013) Section 34 – Reasonable and Necessary Supports |
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| 1.a | Support will assist to pursue goals, objectives and aspirations |
| | <p><i>National Disability Insurance Scheme (Supports for Participants) Rules 2013</i></p> <p>2.2 In deciding whether to approve a statement of participant supports, the CEO is to have regard to a range of matters set out in the Act including the participant’s statement of goals and aspirations. This will also specify the environmental and personal context of the participant’s living (which might include, among other things, their gender and cultural background).</p> <p>2.3 In relation to both general supports to be provided and reasonable and necessary supports to be funded, the CEO also needs to be satisfied of a number of matters, including the following:</p> <p>(a) the support will assist the participant to pursue the goals, objectives and aspirations included in the participant’s statement of goals and aspirations;</p> |
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| 1.b | Support will assist the participant’s independence to facilitate social and economic participation |
| | <p><i>National Disability Insurance Scheme (Supports for Participants) Rules 2013</i></p> <p>2.3 In relation to both general supports to be provided and reasonable and necessary supports to be funded, the CEO also needs to be satisfied of a number of matters, including the following:</p> <p>(b) the support will assist the participant to undertake activities, so as to facilitate the participant’s social or economic participation</p> |
| and | |
| 1.c | Support represents value for money |
| | <p><i>National Disability Insurance Scheme (Supports for Participants) Rules 2013</i></p> <p>3.1 In deciding whether the support represents value for money in that the costs of the support are reasonable, relative to both the benefits achieved and the cost of alternative support, the CEO is to consider the following matters:</p> <p>(a) whether there are comparable supports which would achieve the same outcome at a substantially lower cost;</p> <p>(b) whether there is evidence that the support will substantially improve the life stage outcomes for, and be of long-term benefit to, the participant;</p> <p>(c) whether funding or provision of the support is likely to reduce the cost of the funding of supports for the participant in the long term (for example, some early intervention supports may be value for money given their potential to avoid or delay reliance on more costly supports);</p> <p>(d) for supports that involve the provision of equipment or modifications:</p> <p>(i) the comparative cost of purchasing or leasing the equipment or modifications; and</p> <p>(ii) whether there are any expected changes in technology or the participant’s circumstances in the short term that would make it</p> |

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| | <p>inappropriate to fund the equipment or modifications;</p> <p>(e) whether the cost of the support is comparable to the cost of supports of the same kind that are provided in the area in which the participant resides;</p> <p>(f) whether the support will increase the participant's independence and reduce the participant's need for other kinds of supports (for example, some home modifications may reduce a participant's need for home care).</p> |
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| 1.d | Effective or beneficial for the participant, having regard for current good practice |
| and | <p><i>National Disability Insurance Scheme (Supports for Participants) Rules 2013</i></p> <p>3.2 In deciding whether the support will be, or is likely to be, effective and beneficial for a participant, having regard to current good practice, the CEO is to consider the available evidence of the effectiveness of the support for others in like circumstances. That evidence may include:</p> <p>(a) published and refereed literature and any consensus of expert opinion;</p> <p>(b) the lived experience of the participant or their carers; or</p> <p>(c) anything the Agency has learnt through delivery of the NDIS.</p> <p>3.3 In deciding whether the support will be, or is likely to be, effective and beneficial for a participant, having regard to current good practice, the CEO is to take into account, and if necessary seek, expert opinion</p> |
| 1.e | Co-ordinate with but do not replace family, carer or other informal support, not related to day to day living costs |
| | <p><i>National Disability Insurance Scheme (Supports for Participants) Rules 2013</i></p> <p>3.4 In deciding whether funding or provision of the support takes account of what it is reasonable to expect families, carers, informal networks and the community to provide, the CEO is to consider the following matters:</p> <p>(a) for a participant who is a child:</p> <p>(i) that it is normal for parents to provide substantial care and support for children; and</p> <p>(ii) whether, because of the child's disability, the child's care needs are substantially greater than those of other children of a similar age; and</p> <p>(iii) the extent of any risks to the wellbeing of the participant's family members or carer or carers; and</p> <p>(iv) whether the funding or provision of the support for a family would improve the child's capacity or future capacity, or would reduce any risk to the child's wellbeing;</p> <p>(b) for other participants:</p> <p>(i) the extent of any risks to the wellbeing of the participant arising from the participant's reliance on the support of family members, carers, informal networks and the community; and</p> <p>(ii) the suitability of family members, carers, informal networks and the community to provide the supports that the participant requires, including such factors as:</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) the age and capacity of the participant’s family members and carers, including the extent to which family and community supports are available to sustain them in their caring role; and (B) the intensity and type of support that is required and whether it is age and gender appropriate for a particular family member or carer to be providing that care; and (C) the extent of any risks to the long term wellbeing of any of the family members or carers (for example, a child should not be expected to provide care for their parents, siblings or other relatives or be required to limit their educational opportunities); and (iii) the extent to which informal supports contribute to or reduce a participant’s level of independence and other outcomes; (c) for all participants—the desirability of supporting and developing the potential contributions of informal supports and networks within their communities. |
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| 1.f | Most appropriately funded by the NDIS and not by other general system or service delivery |
| | <p><i>National Disability Insurance Scheme (Supports for Participants) Rules 2013</i></p> <p>3.5 Schedule 1 sets out matters for the CEO to have regard to in considering whether supports are most appropriately funded or provided through the NDIS, rather than through other service systems (service systems is defined in paragraph 6.4).</p> <p>3.6 The matters to have regard to are set out under the following headings in the Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Health (excluding mental health); (b) Mental health; (c) Child protection and family support; (d) Early childhood development; (e) School education; (f) Higher education and vocational education and training; (g) Employment; (h) Housing and community infrastructure; (i) Transport; (j) Justice. <p>3.7 Where particular supports are set out in the Schedule as being appropriately funded or provided through the NDIS, the CEO must still be satisfied of a number of other matters in order for the supports to be funded or provided (see paragraphs 2.3(a)-(e) of these Rules and paragraphs 34(a)-(e) of the Act).</p> |

| Part | Supports for Participant Rules – Part 5 – Reasonable and Necessary Supports |
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| 5.1.a | Support not likely to cause harm to participant |
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| 5.1.b | Support is related to participant’s disability |
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| 5.1.c | Support does not duplicate support delivered through alternative funding through the NDIS |
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| 5.1.d | Support does not relate to day-to-day living costs such as rent groceries, utility fees unless there are additional costs for day-to-day items attributable to the participant’s disability – NDIS supports to extent of disability related additional costs |
| and | |
| 5.2.b | Support involves a cost ancillary to another support funded or provided under the participant’s plan and which is otherwise not incurred |
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| 5.3.a | Providing support is not contrary to a law of the Commonwealth, State or Territory |
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| 5.3.b | Support does not consist of income replacement |
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