

NDIS Funding



What is the NDIS?

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the single largest health improvement scheme introduced to Australia since the commencement of Medicare. The NDIS was established to allow funding for people with disabilities and their family to purchase services provided by different agencies to allow the person to live his or her life to the fullest. The NDIS is gradually being rolled out across Australia, with Brisbane being introduced to the NDIS on the 1st of July 2018. More information about the NDIS can be found here:

<http://www.ndis.gov.au/people-disability>

How Can Minds and Hearts Help?

Minds and Hearts will not be a registered provider. It is important for you to know that if you receive NDIS funding you may continue to use your funding for services at Minds & Hearts only if you choose either:

- to self-manage the funds, or
- pay a third-party to manage your funds.

If you choose for a third-party to manage your funds then there will be a gap payment that you as the client will need to pay.

If you choose for NDIS to manage your funds you will be required to choose NDIS Providers only.

Am I eligible for NDIS funding?

To understand if you are eligible for NDIS funding the first step is to complete the NDIS Access Checklist: <http://www.ndis.gov.au/ndis-access-checklist>

If you or the person for whom you are seeking NDIS funding already has a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder Level 2 or 3 and this diagnosis was conferred by a specialist multidisciplinary team, paediatrician, psychiatrist or clinical psychologist experienced in the assessment of ASD, then no further assessment is required to demonstrate stability and it is highly likely that the person will be eligible for NDIS funding.

If you or the person for whom you are seeking NDIS funding already has a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder Level 1, then further assessment of functional capacity may be required.

Early Intervention: Families accessing the Helping Children with Autism package will be rolled over to the new scheme when it is available in their area. New eligible families will become new participants under NDIS. More information for early intervention is here:

<http://www.ndis.gov.au/document/factsheet-helping-children-autism>

How Can Minds and Hearts Help Determine Eligibility for Funding?

If I suspect an Autism Spectrum Disorder, but there has been no diagnostic assessment:

Psychologists at Minds and Hearts are specifically trained in diagnostic assessment for autism spectrum disorders. We are able to determine whether a person meets DSM_5 diagnostic criteria for an Autism Spectrum Disorder, and at which level, 1, 2 or 3. It is possible to book in for a pre-diagnostic assessment to determine if there are enough signs and symptoms of autism to warrant a full diagnostic assessment. The diagnostic assessment process includes assessment of other conditions that may explain the individual's problems, or may be co-occurring with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Please see further information here:

<http://www.mindsandhearts.net/index.php/fees-a-rebates/latest-fee-schedule>

Rebates may apply:

<http://www.mindsandhearts.net/index.php/fees-a-rebates/rebates>

NB: Please note that in some cases an additional assessment of functional capacity will be required, requiring further one hour assessment and one hour of report writing time.

We have received a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder, Level I, but need further assessment of functional capacity:

Psychologists at Minds and Hearts are specifically trained in assessment for functional capacity within Autism Spectrum Disorders. If you already have a recent report from a specialist multidisciplinary team, paediatrician, psychiatrist or clinical psychologist experienced in the assessment of ASD, to demonstrate the presence of Autism Spectrum Disorder Level I, it is possible to book in for a functional assessment to determine the level of the individual's functional capacity. This process requires a one-hour appointment, and where there is evidence of permanent impairment/disability a further one hour of report writing time is required.

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