

NDIS Service Agreement

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Parties

This Service Agreement is made between:

Participant:	
Participant's representative (if applicable):	
and	
Provider:	
Date of agreement:	dd / MM / Yyyy

This Service Agreement can be made between the Participant and/or the Participant's representative and Plan Me.

The Participant's representative can be a family member, friend or someone close to the Participant who can manage the funding for supports.

Agreement details

Participant's NDIS number:	
Date of birth:	
Start date:	
End date:	
Service Provider:	



Scope

This <u>'Service Agreement'</u> is made against the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) rules and goals. This <u>'Service Agreement'</u> has been developed to ensure that the participant and provider have an agreed expectation of the supports in line with the NDIS Plan to:

- \rightarrow support the independence and social and economic participation of people with disability
- \rightarrow provide reasonable and necessary supports, including early intervention supports, for participants in the Scheme launch
- \rightarrow enable people with a disability to exercise choice and control in the pursuit of their goals and the planning and delivery of their supports
- → facilitate the development of a nationally consistent approach to the access to, and the planning and funding of, support for people with disability
- \rightarrow promote the provision of high-quality and innovative supports to people with disability
- → raise community awareness of the issues that affect the social and economic participation of people with disability and helps with greater community inclusion of people with disability

Service and Support schedule

Agreed services and supports between the Participant and the Provider is documented in the 'Service and Support Schedule Form'.

Continuity of Supports

Participant needs, support requirements, strengths, goals, culture, diversity, values and beliefs specified by the participant including the inputs from their family/support network are identified during the initial assessment process and documented in the 'Participant Assessment & Support Plan'.

Participant's preferences such as the same language, same culture or specific criteria will be considered, where possible.

Plan Me is committed to the continuous support for the Participant, and in the event of worker absence or vacancy, a suitably qualified and experienced person will perform the role.

An alternative arrangement will be set with the participant approval, in case of unavoidable interruptions.

With the participant's consent or direction, Plan Me will develop and maintain links through collaboration with other providers to share information and meet participant needs. That information will be recorded in the 'Participant Assessment & Support Plan'



Change

If changes to the supports or delivery services are required, the Parties agree to discuss and review this 'Service Agreement'. If applicable, changes in this 'Service Agreement' will be in writing, signed and dated by both Parties. Also, the 'Service and Support Schedule Form' will be reviewed and updated.

Withdrawn

This 'Service Agreement' can be withdrawn at any time with 4 weeks' formal notice.

The requirement of notice will be waived if either party breaches this 'Service Agreement'.

Access to supports required by the participant will not be withdrawn or denied solely based on the dignity of risk choice that has been made by the participant.

Service delivery conditions

Conditions	Reasons
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	



Fees and charges

Costs

The costs of agreed services and supports between the Participant and the Provider is documented in the 'Service and Support Schedule Form'.

All fees comply with the NDIS price guide and may change during this 'Service Agreement' in accordance with NDIS price guide changes. If fees do change the participant will be notified in writing.

Please refer to the NDIS price guide:

→ <u>https://www.ndis.gov.au/media/2819/download</u>

All prices are GST inclusive (if applicable) and include the cost of providing the supports.

Payment

The participant has agreed to pay to the Provider for their services and supports on the day and after the Participant's attendance as below:

Registered Plan Managed Provider

The Participant has nominated *Plan Me* as a Registered Plan Management Provider to manage the funding for NDIS supports provided under this 'Service Agreement'.

After providing those supports, the Provider will claim payment for those supports from the Registered Plan Management Provider.

If the invoice remains unpaid after 2 weeks, services will cease until payment of all invoices is made.

Cancellation

Cancellation by the Participant:

If a participant makes a short-notice cancellation, which is after 3 pm the day before the service. The provider may charge up to 100% of the agreed price for their time and travel.

A cancellation is a short notice cancellation if the participant does not show up for scheduled support within a reasonable time or is not present at the agreed place and within a reasonable time when the provider is travelling to deliver the support.

Cancellation by the Provider:

Where a provider has a short notice cancellation (or no show) they are able to recover 90% of the fee associated with the activity, subject to the terms of the service agreement with the participant. Cancellations are accepted by email, text or phone call.

Please refer to the NDIS price guide:

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Additional expense

Additional expenses that are not included as part of a Participant's NDIS supports are the responsibility of the participant and are not included in the cost of the supports.

Provider responsibilities

- \rightarrow Respect the Participant's legal and human rights
- → Respect the Participant's culture, diversity, values and beliefs that identify during the initial assessment process
- \rightarrow Respect and protect the personal privacy and dignity of the Participant
- \rightarrow Respect work with the Participant's interpreter or representatives
- \rightarrow Respect the Participant's autonomy to make their individual choices
- → Respect the Participant's right to access an advocate
- \rightarrow Provide services and supports as per the 'Service and Support Schedule Form'
- \rightarrow Review the provision of supports at least every _____ months with the Participant
- \rightarrow Treat the participant with courtesy and respect
- → Communicate openly and honestly in a timely manner
- → Consult the participant and/or the participant's representative on decisions about how supports are provided
- → Listen to the participant's feedback and resolve problems quickly (see 'Feedback, complaints and Incidents' section of this 'Service Agreement')
- → Give the participant information about managing any incidents, complaints or disagreements (see 'Feedback, complaints and Incidents' section of this 'Service Agreement')
- → Give the participant details of the provider's cancellation policy (see 'Cancellation' section of this 'Service Agreement')
- → Give the participant the required notice if the provider needs to end the 'Service Agreement' (see 'Withdrawn' section of this 'Service Agreement')
- → Give the Participant a minimum of 24 hours' notice if the Provider must change a scheduled appointment to provide supports
- \rightarrow Keep clear records on the services provided to the participant
- \rightarrow Provide supports in a manner consistent with all relevant laws, including the National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 and rules, and the Australian Consumer Law



Participant/ Participant's representative responsibilities

- \rightarrow Inform the Provider about how they wish the supports to be delivered
- \rightarrow Advise the Provider of any changes to personal details (contact number, address, etc.)
- \rightarrow Treat the Provider with courtesy and respect
- → Discuss with the Provider if the Participant has any concerns about the supports being provided (see 'Feedback, complaints and Incidents' section of this 'Service Agreement')
- → Give the Provider a minimum of 24 hours' notice if the Participant cannot make a scheduled appointment (see 'Cancellation' section of this 'Service Agreement')
- → Give the Provider the required notice if the Participant needs to end the 'Service Agreement' (see 'Withdrawn' section of this 'Service Agreement')
- → Advise the Provider immediately if the Participant's NDIS plan is suspended or replaced by a new NDIS plan or the Participant stops being a participant in the NDIS

Participant's legal and human rights

At Plan Me, we respect to the Participant's legal and human rights and ensure that they have been understood and incorporated into everyday practice. In this regard, the 'Participant Handbook' has been developed that includes the following policies:

- → Feedback and Complaints Policy
- → Privacy & Confidentiality Policy
- → Participant Consent Policy
- → Culture, Diversity, Values and Beliefs Policy
- → Violence, Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation & Discrimination Policy
- → Decision-making Policy
- \rightarrow Right to access an advocate Policy
- \rightarrow Conflict of Interest Policy

A copy of the 'Participant Handbook' is provided to the Participant.



Participant's Consent

At Plan Me, we are committed to protect your information and ensure they are identifiable, accurately recorded, current, confidential, easily accessible to the participant and appropriately utilised by relevant workers. The 'Participant's Consent Policy' is documented in the 'Participant Handbook' that needs to be understood and signed by the Participant.

The Provider requires to collect some personal information about the Participant to provide the highest quality of services and supports.

The Participant has the right to gain access to the information the Provider hold about the Participant. The 'Privacy & Confidentiality Policy' is also available in the 'Participant Handbook'. This policy provides information on how participants may request access to their personal information.

Incidents

At Plan Me, we ensure that all participants are safeguarded, and incidents including Violence, Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation & Discrimination are acknowledged, reported, notified to authorities, investigated, respond to, well-managed and learned from.

The Participant will be provided with information on how incidents involving the participant have been managed.

All our workers are aware of, trained in, and comply with the required procedures in relation to incident management.

Feedback and complaints

The Participant has the right to raise any kind of feedback and will be able raise any complaints or concerns in the unfortunate event of any incident occurring that did not meet the expectations of care. A formal investigation will commence once we receive a complaint or concern.

Please feel free to contact us:

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Website:	www.plan-me.com.au

Also, 'Feedback and Complaints Management Form' that is provided in this 'Welcome Pack' can be completed.

If you have a concern or complaint about the quality or safety of services provided, you can also make a complaint to the <u>NDIS Commission</u>.



More information

- \rightarrow How to make a complaint;
 - <u>https://www.ndiscommission.gov.au/document/806</u>
- → Make a complaint (Complaint Contact Form);
 - <u>https://forms.business.gov.au/smartforms/servlet/SmartForm.html?formCode=PRD00-OCF</u>
- → NDIS Complaints Management and Resolution; Rules 2018
 - https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2018L00634
- \rightarrow How to make a complaint about a provider
 - <u>https://www.ndiscommission.gov.au/about/complaints</u>
- → Compliance and Enforcement Policy V2.0 June 2019
 - <u>https://www.ndiscommission.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2019-06/compliance-and-enforcement-policy-v2-june-2019-word.pdf</u>
- → NDIS Complaints management
 - https://www.ndiscommission.gov.au/providers/complaints-management



Contact details

<u>The Participant</u>	
Phone:	
Mobile:	
Email:	
Address:	
Alternative contact person: (name & number)	
Advocate (if applicable): (name & number)	
Emergency contact person (1): (name & number)	
Emergency contact person (2): (name & number)	
<u>The Provider</u>	
Contact name:	
Phone:	
Mobile:	
Email:	
Website:	
Address:	
Postal address:	
Alternative contact person:	

(name & number)



Agreement Signatures

The Parties agree to the terms and conditions of this Service Agreement.

Participant

Name:

Date:

NDIS Number:

Signature:

Participant's representative (if applicable):

Name:

Date:

Signature:

Provider

Name of authorised person:

Date:

Signature: