

Care about NDIS funding? So do we.



Here's how you can add continence products to an NDIS plan.

What is the NDIS?

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a federal scheme designed to support people with lifelong disability in areas such as independence, community participation, employment, life skills and wellbeing.

The NDIS provides choice and control to Participants of the scheme over how they receive and manage their support and live their lives.

Am I eligible for continence products on the NDIS?

To access the scheme, you must be:

- · Under 65 years of age, and
- An Australian citizen or hold a Permanent or a Special Category visa, and
- · Have a significant and permanent disability, or
- · A child over 7 years of age with developmental delays

You may need to provide the NDIS evidence of your disability and how it impacts your everyday life, provided by your treating healthcare professional.

To find out if you are eligible for the NDIS, visit the NDIS website.

www.ndis.gov.au/applying-access-ndis

If you are eligible for the NDIS, a planner will meet with you to determine the supports you require and create an NDIS plan tailored to your needs, lifestyle and goals, with appropriate funding allocated.

How can I add continence or skin care products to an NDIS plan?

For continence or skin care products to be included in your plan, they must relate to your disability and be 'reasonable and necessary'.

'Reasonable and necessary' is an NDIS term that means anything funded by NDIS plans must be:

- · Linked to the goals in your NDIS plan.
- Good value-for-money compared to other options.
- Able to help you participate in activities with friends and community, or help you find or keep a job.
- Most appropriately funded by NDIS and not include support provided by other government services like health, education, housing and public transport.
- Current good practice. It should not cause harm or put you or other people at risk.

How do I prepare for an NDIS planning meeting?

It's important to prepare for your NDIS planning meeting to assist the planner to better understand you, your life and your needs.



Pre-planning helps you to think about what your life looks like now, what you would like it to look like and where your unmet needs are.

Before your planning meeting, think about how incontinence affects your lifestyle. For example, how incontinence affects your ability to get out and about or your ability to work, and to live your life the way any person your age would do.

Ask yourself the following questions before your meeting:

- Do you regularly experience leakage of urine or uncontrollable loss of stool or gas from the bowel?
- Do you need more continence support to confidently participate in social activities?
- Does incontinence affect your relationships, your social life or your sleep?
- Is the equipment you use to maintain continence adequate for your needs? Do you find it easy to use? Would you like to try something else?
- Have your continence needs changed since your last assessment?
- Do you have sensitive skin or experience rashes?
 Do you need to consider pH balanced skin care?

What should I take to my planning meeting?

It is recommended that you obtain written clinical justification from a healthcare professional on your condition and the type and volume of continence products you require each day.

Take this to your planning meeting, along with any diagnoses, assessments and continence plans you may have.

Once the planner has all the information they need, you will receive your plan via the NDIS myplace portal. Once accepted your plan is reviewed annually.

Visit <u>molicare.au</u> for more information about preparing for an NDIS meeting.

Which MoliCare products are covered by the NDIS?

MoliCare absorbent products and MoliCare Skin care products are eligible for NDIS funding where deemed reasonable and necessary.

They fall into the category of 'Consumables' (Support Category 03) and are classed as Core Funding in the NDIS price guide.

MoliCare Continence products can be purchased online from the following NDIS Continence Providers:

- · BrightSky Australia
- Independence Australia
- IncontinenceProducts.com.au
- Surgical House

It is important to note that the NDIS will not fund items that are not related to your disability or anything that is more appropriately funded by another government service system. For further information on the NDIS, please visit:

NDIS ATHM and Consumables Code Guide 2024-25

NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits 2024-25

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