

Financial support

There are a range of payments and forms of financial support for parents and carers who provide daily care for those with a disability and/or medical condition.

Carer Allowance

For Australian residents who live in Australia and give ongoing care to someone with a disability or medical condition. There is no assets test but there is an income test of less than \$250,000 per year.

Find out more: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/carers-allowance

Carer Payment

A payment if you give constant care to someone who has a disability or medical condition. There are different rates of Carer Payment for single and partnered people and you must be under the pension income and assets test limits.

Find out more: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/carers-payment

Child Disability Assistance Payment

An automatic yearly payment if you get Carer Allowance for looking after a child with a disability or medical condition younger than 16 years for a period that includes 1 July.

Find out more: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/child-disability-assistance-payment

Carer Supplement

Paid annually if you care for a person with a disability or medical condition. You must get certain payments from Services Australia to get it.

Find out more: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/carers-supplement

Carer Adjustment Payment

A one-off payment to assist families following a catastrophic event where a child younger than seven is diagnosed with a severe disability or severe medical condition and requires full-time care.

Find out more: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/carers-adjustment-payment

Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme

A group of payments for parents and carers of children who can't go to a local state school. This could be because of geographical isolation, disability or special needs.

Find out more: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/assistance-for-isolated-children-scheme

Essential Medical Equipment Payment (EMEP)

A yearly payment to help with energy costs to run essential medical equipment or heating or cooling used for medical needs.

Find out more: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/essential-medical-equipment-payment

Continence Aids Payment Scheme (CAPS)

A yearly non-taxable payment to cover some of the cost of products to help manage incontinence. To get this your child must be five years or older and have permanent and severe incontinence confirmed by a registered health professional. You cannot receive this payment if you get continence support through NDIS.

Find out more: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/continence-aids-payment-scheme

Thermoregulatory Dysfunction Energy Subsidy

Financial assistance for persons with thermoregulatory dysfunction, or their dependants, to offset energy costs for controlling the temperature in their home.

Find out more: www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/subsidies-thermoregulatory-dysfunction-fs

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Health Care Card

A concession card to get subsidised medicines and some discounts if you get a payment from Services Australia.

Find out more: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/health-care-card

Low-income Health Care Card

A concession card to get cheaper health care and some discounts if you're on a low income.

Find out more: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/low-income-health-care-card

Companion Card

The Companion Card Program supports Western Australians with a significant and permanent disability who require attendant care support to participate at community venues and events. Companion Cardholders show their card when booking a ticket from a participating business and will be issued a second ticket for their companion at no charge. Companion Cards can also be used interstate.

Find out more: www.wacompanioncard.org.au/

Foster Child Health Care Card

A concession card to get cheaper medicines and some discounts for a foster child in your care who is not biological or adopted.

Find out more: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/foster-child-health-care-card

Pensioner Concession Card

A concession card to get cheaper health care, medicines and some discounts if you get certain payments from Services Australia.

Find out more: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/pensioner-concession-card

ConcessionsWA

ConcessionsWA is an easy-to-use online resource where you can search by category to find details on more than 100 rebates, concessions and subsidy schemes provided by the Government of Western Australia, including:

- Accommodation and Housing
- Arts and Culture
- Education, Training and Employment
- Health and Disability
- Household Bills and Appliances

- Legal
- Regional
- Seniors Card Benefits
- Sports and Recreation
- Tourism
- Travel and Transport

Find out more: concessions.communities.wa.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx

Special Disability Trust

A way for families to plan for the long-term care and accommodation needs of someone with a severe disability.

Find out more: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/special-disability-trusts

Want to connect with other families?

Let us help you connect with other families raising children with similar diagnoses, ages and/or developmental stages.

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