

Who pays for what?

The Health Department provides treatment and management of medical conditions but it can be hard to know who provides (and pays) for what as well as eligibility around various Centrelink support payments.

The table below attempts to demystify what's available from the public health system, your GP, the NDIS and Centrelink.

Health Department	ndis	Your GP	centrelink
▪ Diagnosis of a condition or in some cases disability ▪ Seeing specialist doctors, nurses and therapists ▪ Having an operation or being treated for an illness ▪ Recovering from an operation ▪ Rehabilitation after an injury or illness ▪ Monitoring your child's condition ▪ Scans and blood tests ▪ Emergency services ▪ Medicines for inpatients and outpatients ▪ Some consumables	The Early Childhood Approach Provides individualised support to children aged up to six years with a developmental delay and children aged up to nine years with disability, to assist their development and ability to participate in the community. National Disability Insurance Scheme Support to help your child get the care and support they need to achieve their goals in life, including greater independence, community involvement, improved wellbeing and employment.	Chronic Disease Management Plan Enables patients with a chronic medical condition or complex care needs, managed by their GP, to access Medicare rebates for certain allied health services. Better Access to Mental Health Care Plan Provides Medicare rebates for patients for selected mental health-related services.	Payments ▪ Carer Allowance ▪ Carer Payment ▪ Carer Supplement ▪ Carer Adjustment Payment ▪ Child Disability Assistance Payment ▪ Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme Other Payments ▪ Continence Aids Payment Scheme (CAPS) ▪ Essential Medical Equipment Payment ▪ Thermoregulatory Dysfunction Energy Subsidy Other Support ▪ Companion Card ▪ ConcessionsWA ▪ Special Disability Trust Concession and Health Care Cards ▪ Health Care Card ▪ Ex-carer Health care Card ▪ Foster Child Health Care Card ▪ Low Income Health Care Card ▪ Pensioner Concession Card

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