

Sources of Financial Support

There are a number of sources of financial support to assist parents and carers with the costs associated with raising a child with additional needs.



Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI)

Supports children aged 0-6 years who have a developmental delay or disability and their families/carers.

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

Support to help your child get the care and support they need to enjoy an ordinary life now and as their life changes.



Chronic Disease Management Plan

Enables patients with a chronic medical condition and 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.



Carer Allowance

A payment for people who spend at least 35 hours a week providing regular care to someone who has a disability.

Carer Payment


Provides financial support to people who are unable to work in substantial paid employment because they provide full-time daily care to someone with a severe disability or medical condition or to someone who is frail or aged.

Carer Supplement

An annual \$600 payment for recipients of Carer Allowance for each person supported.

Carer Adjustment Payment (CAP)

One-off ex-gratia payment providing financial assistance of up to \$10,000 to families in exceptional circumstances who do not qualify for any Government income support payments, (child must be under 7 years of age).

 Can access simultaneously





GENERAL PRACTITIONER (GP)

Your GP can assess eligibility to access subsidised services via a specific Medicare Plan.

CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT PLAN

This plan provides five subsidised visits to allied health professional(s) in one calendar year. Read more <https://bit.ly/2MqZzg1>

BETTER ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH CARE PLAN

This Plan provides rebates for up to 10 individual and 10 group sessions with a psychologist or registered occupational therapist in one calendar year. Read more <https://bit.ly/2FJpQpp>

CENTRELINK

Centrelink provides payments to people who provide daily care for someone with severe disability, a medical condition or who is frail aged. Read more about who can apply <https://bit.ly/2MksDUK>

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME (NDIS)

NDIS provides services and equipment to enable your child to participate in the community. This may include things like:

- Long-term equipment
- Prosthetics and orthotics
- Services such as speech and occupational therapy, physiotherapy, psychology, social work and dietetics
- Some consumables such as nappies (children three years and over), suction / feeding tubes, catheters, incontinence supplies
- Home modification to assist with better access.

These items and services are provided to improve your child's quality of life and participation in society and to mitigate any worsening of their disability over time and as they grow. Read more on your child's eligibility <https://bit.ly/2AW9rdi>

PRIVATE AND CHARITABLE GRANTS

There is a wide variety of available grant opportunities through which parents can apply for services, aids and equipment such as the Steve Waugh Foundation for Rare Diseases, Variety WA, WA Charity Direct.

For more information, contact one of our friendly Family Support Officers, all of whom have personal experience of raising a child with additional needs.



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Kalparrin is endorsed as a deductible gift recipient (DGR) under item 1 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

BECOME A MEMBER

Membership to Kalparrin is FREE and provides parents with access to a vast array of information, resources, opportunities and inclusive, family events as well as connection to a community of thousands of other parents supporting children with additional needs.

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