

TRANSFER OF DISABILITY SERVICES TO LIFE WITHOUT BARRIERS

Fact sheet for Participants and Families



CONTINUITY OF SUPPORT (CoS)

FOR PARTICIPANTS OVER 65 YEARS AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES OVER 50 YEARS

This fact sheet provides information for participants and their families about the Continuity of Support (CoS) Program, as services transfer from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to Life Without Barriers.

What does the transfer mean if I am over the age of 65

If you are over 65 at the time of transfer, or over 50 and identify as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person, and have not transitioned to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), your supports will be funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health (DoH) under a scheme called Continuity of Support (CoS). This program enables you to stay supported in your home.

If you have already transitioned to the NDIS before turning 65 (or 50, if you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person), you can either choose to continue to be supported by the NDIS, or you may

choose to move to aged care supports at any time.

What is Continuity of Support (CoS)?

Continuity of Support means older Victorians living with a disability who are not eligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will continue to receive disability supports to enable them to stay living where they are.

If this applies to you, it means you will continue to get the same services that you receive now. You can also request a change to your supports through your service provider if your needs change after your services transfer to Life Without Barriers.

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Who is eligible for the Continuity of Support (Cos) Program?

To be eligible for the CoS Program, you must be a person with a disability, aged 65 years or over (or 50 years or older if you are an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person), and not have transitioned to the NDIS. To be eligible, you must also be receiving specialist disability supports in the last 12 months funded by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Will I still receive aids and equipment?

The Victorian Government will continue to provide subsidised items of aids and equipment, including continence products, to people over 65 years of age and people under 65 years of age with health related conditions. If you already have aids and equipment provided through the Victorian Aids and Equipment Program, you can continue to use the items until you either no longer need the item or it no longer meets your needs. If you need new, different or replacement items, you can submit an application to the Victorian Aids and Equipment Program.

Got a question about the transfer of services to Life Without Barriers? Contact us!

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