

TRANSFER OF DISABILITY SERVICES TO LWB

Fact sheet for
Participants and Families



SUPPORTED INDEPENDENT LIVING (SIL) FUNDING

This fact sheet provides information for participants and their families about Supported Independent Living (SIL) funding, under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

What is Supported Independent Living (SIL)?

You may have heard some different terms that describe how you are funded to live in your house, including “SIL funding”, “In Kind funding” or “Block funding”.

Supported Independent Living (SIL) refers to the staff support that a person living with disability receives at home in shared accommodation. People who live on their own may also be eligible for SIL support. People who receive SIL support may require assistance with daily tasks such as cooking, cleaning, personal care, shopping, getting involved in activities and learning new skills to live as independently as possible.

SIL funding is what we call “individualised funding”, which means it is different for every person, based on their individual support needs, as described in their NDIS Plan.

Block funding or In Kind funding refers to how people received support at home before the NDIS. This previous funding model provided one lump sum to fund the staff support for all people living at a house.

Participants who currently reside in Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) houses and are

transferring to Life Without Barriers (LWB) in 2019, will transition from Block or In Kind funding to SIL funding, under the NDIS. Life Without Barriers will be working with you and your family during this transition to help organise your NDIS SIL funding.

How are Supported Independent Living (SIL) funds decided?

SIL funding is based on each person’s individual needs, listed in a document called a SIL Quote. Every person receiving SIL funding requires a SIL Quote. This quote includes important information and evidence about your support needs at home, and how much funding is required to support you.

Once the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) approves your SIL Quote, you will receive SIL funding, which replaces your Block or In Kind funding.

The SIL quote process

Once you transfer from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to Life Without Barriers (LWB) in 2019, we will prepare a SIL Quote with you, your

staff, family and supporters.

This process will begin by gathering information about you and your support needs at your home. This information will come from discussions with you, your family and supporters and staff who know you well. Reports or letters from specialists who work with you will also be needed. All of this information will be included in your SIL Quote, which will be revised by several LWB teams before it is given to the NDIA for approval.

What to do next

Over the coming months, LWB will provide you and your family with information about transitioning to the NDIS and how your SIL funding will be obtained.

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