



## Specialist allied health services for students with disability

### Relevant COVID-19 advice in regards to Allied Health providers in schools

Schools are implementing additional safety measures for school activities. These have been put in place to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools for Term 3.

Principals decide whether service providers funded by the NDIS can deliver their services on school grounds during school hours.

**Allied Health Providers** are able to work in schools under the following principle:

- Only providers that are essential to the delivery of curriculum can continue to provide services and programs until further notice.

#### **Wearing face masks and temperature screening:**

Schools are required to follow the AHPPC guidelines. The guidelines do not require schools to conduct widespread temperature screening or for anyone to wear masks.

Staff members, including Allied Health providers, who feel strongly about wearing a mask should be accommodated by the school.

**School activities** that have recommenced in our schools include:

- Allied health providers
- wellbeing and case management professionals (including NDIS suppliers and health programs such as student vaccination programs and dental health programs)

Remote Service delivery: (Zoom and online)

#### **Your Questions answered:**

1. Does an external therapy provider who wishes to solely deliver their services remotely (eg. via Zoom) still have to sign the Engagement Agreement?

*Yes, the majority of the terms and conditions apply irrespective of whether the provider is seeing children in person or online.*

2. If yes to (1), are there sections of that agreement that would be deemed “not applicable”, and could therefore be removed/deleted from the Agreement? And what are the sections of the Agreement that could be removed/deleted?

*The following changes are recommended to the Agreement for providers operating solely online. (**Additional terms (page 1)**)*

*(a) The School and the Provider agree that, as at the date of this Agreement, the Services will not be able to be delivered at the School and will be delivered fully online.*

*(b) If during the term of this Agreement delivery of the Services at the School becomes permissible, the School may require the Provider to deliver the Services at the School by not less than 10 Business Days written notice.*

*(c) The terms and conditions in this Agreement apply to provision of the Services irrespective of the delivery method.*

**Clause 1.5 - Provider attendance costs:** *The school will not be liable for provider costs associated with meetings to discuss service delivery arrangements and school induction.*

**Completing the Service Schedule is recommended in the event that service at school can commence at a later date.**

**Agreed school facilities/equipment to be used during school-based service delivery**

*If school based service applies: [insert details]*

**Agreed provider equipment to be used during school-based service delivery**

*If school based service applies: [insert details]*

Agreement if and when school based service recommences.

# NDIS update – Term 3, 2020



## NDIS virtual information sessions

### NDIS virtual information sessions for school leavers and their families

These sessions provide an opportunity to hear about supports available through the NDIS to support transition to post-school life and employment. Attendees will learn how to prepare for a conversation about their goals and things to consider when choosing the right provider.

This session is offered over multiple dates to allow flexibility for attendees. Each session will cover the same content, and will have a maximum capacity of 300 attendees. Sessions will be held via video-conference using Microsoft Teams. Details on how to log into the session will be forwarded to attendees two days prior to the session. If a student would like to attend, let them and their family know about registering via Eventbrite.

For any enquiries regarding this session, please contact [events@ndis.gov.au](mailto:events@ndis.gov.au). Please include the session name in the subject line.

**Where:** Virtual Information Sessions via Microsoft Teams

#### Dates & Times:

- Thursday 3 September 2020  
5.00pm – 6.30pm
- Monday 7 September 2020  
5.00pm – 6.30pm
- Thursday 10 September 2020  
5.00pm – 6.30pm
- Wednesday 16 September 2020  
5.00pm – 6.30pm

RSVP: Registrations are via Eventbrite at:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/nsw-school-leaver-information-session-tickets-117609680721>



*Additional information:* If an attendee has any accessibility, interpreter, live captioning or other requirements, this should be noted by the attendee when registering for the session.

Please note the NDIA needs a minimum of five (5) business days' notice to book Auslan interpreters.

For questions, advice or more information on the NDIS, please contact:

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