



Disability Support for Older Australians (DSOA) Program – Service and Pricing Schedule

Prices align with the NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits FY2026-27

DSOA Service Coordinators cannot charge a higher hourly rate than prescribed in this schedule for any DSOA supports delivered unless stated otherwise below.

DSOA Support Area	DSOA Support Type	DSOA Support Level	Time of Day/Week	Output Unit	National Rate	Regional Rate	DSOA Support Type Definition
Self-Care & Mobility	Assistance in Supported Independent Living	Standard	Weekday day	Hours	\$73.58	\$110.37	These support items provide in person assistance with, or supervision of, tasks of daily life in a shared living environment, with a focus on developing the skills of each individual to live as autonomously as possible. The support is provided to each person living in the shared arrangement in accordance with their need. Supported Independent Living does not include rent, board, lodging and transport or other day-to-day usual living expenses such as food and activities. It also does not include the capital costs associated with a client's accommodation.
			Weekday night	Hours	\$82.57	\$123.86	
			Saturday	Hours	\$103.54	\$155.31	
			Sunday	Hours	\$133.50	\$200.25	
		Public Holiday	Hours	\$163.46	\$245.19		
		Standard	Night-Time sleepover	Each	\$311.79	\$467.69	
		High Intensity	Weekday day	Hours	\$79.60	\$119.40	
Weekday night	Hours		\$89.32	\$133.98			

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			Saturday	Hours	\$112.01	\$168.02	High Intensity A support is considered a High Intensity Support if the client requires assistance from a support worker with additional qualifications and experience relevant to the client's complex needs. High intensity may be considered when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> frequent (at least 1 instance per shift) assistance is required to manage challenging behaviours that require intensive positive behaviour support; and/or continual active support is required due to high medical support needs (such as unstable seizure activity or respiratory support).
			Sunday	Hours	\$144.42	\$216.63	
			Public Holiday	Hours	\$176.84	\$265.26	
	Assistance with Self-Care Activities	Standard	Weekday day	Hours	\$73.58	\$110.37	These support items provide a client living at home in person assistance with, or supervision of, personal tasks of daily life to develop skills of the client to live as autonomously as possible.
			Weekday night	Hours	\$82.57	\$123.86	
			Saturday	Hours	\$103.54	\$155.31	
			Sunday	Hours	\$133.50	\$200.25	It does not include rent, usual day to day living expenses such as food, transport,
			Public Holiday	Hours	\$163.46	\$245.19	

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		Standard	Night-Time sleepover	Each	\$311.79	\$467.69	activities, gardening, landscaping or domestic activities (cleaning).
		High Intensity	Weekday day	Hours	\$79.60	\$119.40	
			Weekday night	Hours	\$89.32	\$133.98	
			Saturday	Hours	\$112.01	\$168.02	
			Sunday	Hours	\$144.42	\$216.63	
			Public Holiday	Hours	\$176.84	\$265.26	
Self Care & Mobility	STA and Assistance (inc. Respite) Assistance with daily life tasks in a group or shared living arrangement	Standard	Weekday day	Hours	\$73.58	\$110.37	These support items provide integrated support to a client during a temporary stay away from a client's usual place of residence, support must be delivered in a group-based facility (also known as Respite), which aims to support ongoing caring arrangements between clients and their carers. STA/respice allows the opportunity for the client to be supported by someone else whilst providing their carer with short term breaks from their usual caring responsibilities. The support item includes
			Weekday night	Hours	\$82.57	\$123.86	
			Saturday	Hours	\$103.54	\$155.31	
			Sunday	Hours	\$133.50	\$200.25	
			Public Holiday	Hours	\$163.46	\$245.19	
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			Saturday	Hours	\$112.01	\$168.02	delivery of assistance with self-care activities and accommodation costs.
			Sunday	Hours	\$144.42	\$216.63	<p>Short Term Accommodation funding can be used in a block of up to 14 days at a time or for shorter periods such as one weekend at a time.</p> <p>STA funding does not cover incidental costs, such as community access activities, food or transport, this aligns with the support Item Assistance with Self-Care Activities, where incidental costs are paid for by the client privately.</p> <p>Unlike the NDIS, DSOA does not fund any capital costs associated with this support item, DSOA Service Coordinators are not able to charge a higher hourly rate for STA services than the DSOA prescribed hourly rate for the time/day this support is delivered.</p> <p>A clients Intensity level for this support will match the intensity levels the client is funded for under their existing daily living supports</p>
			Public Holiday	Hours	\$176.84	\$265.26	
Communications	Specialist Behavioural	N/A	Anytime	Hours	\$252.99	\$379.49	

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& Social Interactions	Intervention Support						<p>significantly harmful or persistent behaviours of concern.</p> <p>Specialist behaviour support requires a behaviour support plan to be developed that aims to limit the likelihood of behaviours of concern developing or increasing once identified.</p> <p>This plan outlines the specifically designed positive behavioural support strategies for a client, their family and support persons that will achieve the intended outcome of eliminating or reducing behaviours of concern.</p> <p>Behaviour support plans need to be reviewed and updated annually by a qualified practitioner.</p>
	Counselling	N/A	Anytime	Hours	\$156.16	\$234.24	Provision to a client of a support to facilitate self-knowledge, emotional acceptance and growth, and the optimal development of personal resources, to help the client work towards their personal goals and gain greater insight into their lives.

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	Community Nursing Care for Continence Aid	N/A	Anytime	Hours	\$143.90	\$215.85	Provision to a client of a continence aids assessment, recommendation, and training support. The support must be delivered by a Registered Nurse. This support does not cover nursing care that falls outside of a continence assessment, recommendation or training.
	Audiologist hearing services	N/A	Anytime	Hours	\$193.99	\$290.99	These support items provide for hearing services not covered under the Medicare Benefits Scheme (MBS) or the Hearing Services Program, and supports are delivered by a suitably qualified Audiologist or Audiometrist.
	Delivery of Health Supports by an Enrolled Nurse	N/A	Weekday day	Hours	\$103.44	\$155.16	These Disability-Related Health Supports provide nursing care to respond to the disability-related health needs of a client where that care is not the usual responsibility of the health system. The support must be delivered by an Enrolled Nurse.
		N/A	Weekday night	Hours	\$116.22	\$174.33	
		N/A	Saturday	Hours	\$147.55	\$221.33	
		N/A	Sunday	Hours	\$169.62	\$254.43	
		N/A	Public Holiday	Hours	\$191.67	\$287.51	
		N/A	Weekday day	Hours	\$128.05	\$192.08	These Disability-Related Health Supports provide nursing care to respond to the disability-related health needs of a client
		N/A	Weekday night	Hours	\$143.90	\$215.85	

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	Delivery of Health Supports by a Registered Nurse	N/A	Saturday	Hours	\$182.75	\$274.13	where that care is not the usual responsibility of the health system. The support must be delivered by a Registered Nurse.
		N/A	Sunday	Hours	\$210.09	\$315.14	
		N/A	Public Holiday	Hours	\$237.43	\$356.15	
	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse	N/A	Weekday day	Hours	\$148.13	\$222.20	These Disability-Related Health Supports provide nursing care to respond to the disability-related health needs of a client where that care is not the usual responsibility of the health system. The support must be delivered by a Clinical Nurse.
		N/A	Weekday night	Hours	\$166.45	\$249.68	
		N/A	Saturday	Hours	\$211.39	\$317.09	
		N/A	Sunday	Hours	\$243.02	\$364.53	
		N/A	Public Holiday	Hours	\$274.64	\$411.96	
	Delivery of Health Supports by a Clinical Nurse Consultant	N/A	Weekday day	Hours	\$175.18	\$262.77	These Disability-Related Health Supports provide nursing care to respond to the disability-related health needs of a client where that care is not the usual responsibility of the health system. The support must be delivered by a Clinical Nurse Consultant.
		N/A	Weekday night	Hours	\$196.89	\$295.34	
		N/A	Saturday	Hours	\$250.12	\$375.18	
		N/A	Sunday	Hours	\$287.58	\$431.37	
		N/A	Public Holiday	Hours	\$325.03	\$487.55	
			N/A	Weekday day	Hours	\$183.15	\$274.73
N/A			Weekday night	Hours	\$205.83	\$308.75	

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	Delivery of Health Supports by a Nurse Practitioner	N/A	Saturday	Hours	\$261.50	\$392.25	where that care is not the usual responsibility of the health system. The support must be delivered by a Nurse Practitioner.
		N/A	Sunday	Hours	\$300.67	\$451.01	
		N/A	Public Holiday	Hours	\$339.84	\$509.76	
	Psychosocial Recovery Coaching	N/A	Weekday day	Hours	\$110.44	\$165.66	These support items provide assistance for clients to build capacity and resilience through strong and respectful relationships to support people with psychosocial disability to live a full and contributing life. This support is designed to be able to maintain engagement through periods of increased support needs due to the episodic nature of mental illness. Recovery coaches work collaboratively with clients, families, carers and other services to identify, plan, design and coordinate DSOA supports. The work of psychosocial recovery coaches requires lived and/or learnt experience. Recovery coaches must have tertiary qualifications in peer work or mental health (minimum of Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work or Certificate IV in Mental Health) or equivalent training; and/or a minimum two years of experience in mental health-related work.
		N/A	Weekday night	Hours	\$123.93	\$185.90	
		N/A	Saturday	Hours	\$155.41	\$233.12	
		N/A	Sunday	Hours	\$200.39	\$300.59	
		N/A	Public Holiday	Hours	\$245.36	\$368.04	

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	Therapy Assistant	Level 1	Anytime	Hours	\$56.16	\$84.24	<p>Provision to a client of a therapeutic support by an allied health assistant working under the delegation and direct supervision at all times of a therapist.</p> <p>Where a support is delivered by a therapy assistant, the therapy assistant must be covered by the professional indemnity insurance of the supervising therapist (or the therapist's or therapy assistant's employing provider).</p>
	Therapy Assistant	Level 2	Anytime	Hours	\$86.79	\$130.19	<p>Provision to a client of a therapeutic support by an allied health assistant working under the delegation and supervision of a therapist, where the therapist is satisfied that the allied health assistant is able to work independently without direct supervision at all times. Where a support is delivered by a therapy assistant, the therapy assistant must be covered by the professional indemnity insurance of the supervising therapist (or the therapist's or therapy assistant's employing provider).</p>
	Assessment Recommendation Therapy and/or	N/A	Anytime	Hours	\$252.99	\$379.49	<p>Provision to a client of Assessment, Recommendation, Therapy, or Training (including in assistive technology) supports,</p>

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	Training (incl AT) – Psychology						that relate to the client’s disability-related health needs and where care is not the usual responsibility of the health system. The support must be delivered by a Psychologist.
	Assessment Recommendation Therapy and/or Training (incl AT) – Physiotherapy	N/A	Anytime	Hours	\$183.99	\$275.99	Provision to a client of Assessment, Recommendation, Therapy, or Training (including in assistive technology) supports, that relate to the client’s disability-related health needs and where care is not the usual responsibility of the health system. The support must be delivered by a Physiotherapist.
	Assessment Recommendation Therapy and/or Training (incl AT) – Other Therapy	N/A	Anytime	Hours	\$193.99	\$290.99	Provision to a client of Assessment, Recommendation, Therapy, or Training (including in assistive technology) supports, that relate to the client’s disability-related health needs and where care is not the usual responsibility of the health system. The support must be delivered by a suitably qualified allied health professional.

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	Dietitian Consultation and Diet Plan Development	N/A	Anytime	Hours	\$178.99	\$268.49	Provision of advice to a client on managing their diet to mitigate the effect of their disability on their health and well-being. This support must be delivered by a qualified Dietitian.
	Exercise Physiology	N/A	Anytime	Hours	\$161.99	\$242.99	Provision of advice to a client regarding exercise required due to the impact of their disability to a client.
	Case management	N/A	Anytime	Hours	\$100.14	\$150.21	Case management services help clients to maximise their independence and participation in the community through working with the person, family and/or carers to meet comprehensive care needs. It is a collaborative process of assessment, planning, facilitation, care coordination, evaluation and advocacy for options and services, and the allocation of available resources to respond to a client's support needs. Case management services will support a client to understand and implement funded supports, link the client to the community, mainstream and other government services, and support the transition into appropriate

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							<p>programs such as aged care as their circumstances change.</p> <p>Depending on the individual circumstances of the client, case management services could include the design of additional high or complex needs, which may require the involvement of a qualified and experienced practitioner such as an Occupational Therapist.</p>
Communications & Social Interactions	<p>Extended CoS Services – Preserved CoS Services</p> <p>The DSOA Program will not continue to support funding for new instances of the CoS Programme Community Access service type. DSOA clients that are already receiving those supports will have that funding frozen and transferred to the</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A	As per CoS	As per CoS	<p>This support item is only applicable to clients with existing Extended CoS Services.</p> <p>Community Access services are funded at the level that was being paid when the DSOA Program commenced. Additional and incoming funding for these services should be accessed through available State and Federal programs.</p> <p>Extended CoS Services</p> <p>Provides ongoing day-to-day support for service users to gain greater access to community-based group programs.</p> <p>Group programs may focus on continuing education to develop skills and</p>

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	Extended CoS Services category.						<p>independence in a variety of life areas and social interaction.</p> <p>Extended CoS Services can only be used for clients to attend a regular group day program or to attend group programs/activities that are on a scheduled recurring basis (such as regular art classes, regular craft programs).</p> <p>Clients must be taken off-site from where they reside for all community access services through this support type, as the purpose of this funding is to provide the client with access to the community.</p> <p>Extended CoS Services cannot be used for 1:1 supports and must be group based regular programs.</p> <p>The DSOA Program does not mandate hourly pricing for Extended CoS Services. DSOA service coordinators must ensure that hourly rates for services delivered do not exceed the NDIS prescribed hourly rate for the equivalent NDIS service type.</p> <p>DSOA service coordinators must report on Extended CoS Services expenditure in their annual performance report, including details</p>

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							<p>on all services delivered to the client using this funding.</p> <p>Conditional in-scope services</p> <p>This category can be used for aids, equipment and transport that have been conditionally approved by the department. DSOA will only consider funding supports under this category where evidence has been provided that it is urgent, and state or federal schemes have been exhausted or does not supply the required support.</p>