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| Children Complex Disability Support Needs31223 |
| Outcome objective: Victorians have capabilities to participateOutput group: Child Protection and Family ServicesOutput: Specialist Support Services |

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## 1. Service objective

To support children with complex disability support needs who require or without additional supports, may require accommodation outside the family home prior to their 18th birthday.

## 2. Description of the service

This service complements the disability support funded by the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) for children whose disability support needs may not be able to be met within the family home. Support for children with complex disability support needs provides:

* board and lodging for a child who requires accommodation outside the family home
* additional flexible funding for non-disability related supports to establish or maintain a living arrangement (in exceptional circumstances)
* time-limited non-disability related supports which may alleviate the immediate need for accommodation outside the family home (in exceptional circumstances).

## 3. Client group

* Bed based
* Direct client service

This activity is targeted at children who require, or may require in the future, accommodation outside the family home due to their complex disability support needs. To be eligible for this service the children must:

* be an NDIS participant and be jointly supported by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) and the department, with both parties agreeing to coordinate services
* have complex disability support needs that may not be sustainably met in the family home
* not require a statutory response to ensure their safety.

Children may receive support from this program:

* when residing in the family home, to prevent entry into accommodation outside the family home, in the exceptional circumstances when other mainstream services are not available
* when requiring accommodation outside the family home
* in the exceptional circumstances when additional support is required when entering an adult accommodation arrangement outside the family home from a board and lodging arrangement.

## 4. Obligations specific to this activity

In addition to the obligations listed in the Service Agreement, organisations funded to deliver this activity must comply with the following:

### 4a. Registration and Accreditation

N/A

### 4b. Program requirements and other policy guidelines

* [For provider in receipt of board funding - Board and lodging policy for children with complex disability support needs: Requirements for NDIS providers in receipt of Department of Health and Human Services funding.](https://providers.dffh.vic.gov.au/supporting-families-and-carers)

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* [Program requirements for children with complex disability support needs](https://providers.dffh.vic.gov.au/supporting-families-and-carers)

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## 5. Performance

Funding is subject to achieving the performance targets specified in Schedule 2 of the Service Agreement.

Performance is measured as follows:

### Key performance measure 1: Number of clients in receipt of board

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| **Aim/objective** | The number of clients receiving funding for board through support for children with complex disability support needs. |
| **Target** | The performance measure target is provided in the Service Agreement |
| **Type of count** |  Non-cumulative |
| **Counting rule** | Count the number of clients accessing funding for board through support for children with complex disability. |
| **Data source(s) collection** | * Bi-annual funding acquittal
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| **Definition of terms** | Clients are the children and young people who receive direct support funded through a support for children with complex disability support needs |

## 6. Data collection

The reporting requirements for this service are:

| **Data collection name** | **Data system**  | **Data set**  | **Reporting cycle** |
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| Bi-annual funding acquittal | Manual Data Collection  |   | Half-yearly |

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