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The NDIS funds:

- Allied health and other therapy needed because of a person's disability, including occupational therapy, speech therapy or physiotherapy.
- Personal care to assist with day to day care needed because of a person's disability and development of skills to help a person become more independent.
- Training of carers and informal supports to implement health care plans developed by health professionals.
- Prosthetics and artificial limbs (surgery remains the responsibility of the health system).
- Aids and equipment such as wheelchairs, adjustable beds or hearing aids related to a person's disability.
- Therapeutic and behavioural supports.
- Home modifications needed because of a person's disability, to enable discharge from a hospital.

Health systems fund:

- Diagnosis and assessment of health conditions, including mental health conditions and disabilities.
- Medication, general medical and dental services and treatment, specialist services, hospital care, surgery and rehabilitation.
- Clinical care for mental health conditions.
- Palliative care, geriatric and psychogeriatric services.
- Sub-acute, rehabilitation and post-acute care including treatment of wounds by a nurse.
- Planning and preparation for a patient to return home after a hospital stay.
- General hearing and vision services not related to a person's disability (for example, prescription glasses).

Dysphagia and mainstream health supports

- The Commonwealth Government recently decided, as an interim measure, the NDIS will fund the ongoing development, assessment and monitoring of meal plans for NDIS participants with dysphagia who aren't in a hospital or acute care setting.
- Dysphagia related care and supports are required by participants who have difficulty swallowing.
- This interim arrangement will include the initial and ongoing assessment, development and monitoring of meal plans until a final decision on roles and responsibilities of the NDIA and health systems is made, expected by Governments in early 2019.
- In addition, the Disability Reform Council has also clarified interim arrangements regarding funding of mainstream health supports in participant plans.
- Read the Minister's media release: [NDIS supports participants with dysphagia](#).

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