

# How can I manage my funding?

There's three possible ways that you can manage your NDIS funding:

- plan manage;
- self manage; or
- NDIA manage (sometimes called agency-manage)

You can have one way of management for your whole plan, or you can have a combination of different types of management for different budgets. Certain budgets (such as Improved Life Choices), and certain stated supports need to be NDIA-managed, but for most budgets you can choose.

When you have your planning meeting, you'll need to decide how you want to manage your budgets. If you don't specify, your plan will usually be made NDIA-managed - this might not be the best option for you. Read on to find out about how each option compares.

## Plan-Manage

When you plan-manage, you can choose a Plan Manager to help you manage your funds. You can find a plan manager by searching the web, or on the NDIS website. If you have a support coordinator, they can help you too.

When you plan-manage, you have most of the freedoms that you get when you self-manage, but you don't have to do the payments.

**Before choosing to plan-manage, you should consider:**

- whether you need help to manage your payments (if so, plan-management is a good idea)
- if you want to pay more than the NDIS price guide for a good or service

### How it works



Your provider sends your invoice to your plan manager for payment



Your plan manager pays the invoice using your funding.

### Want more information?

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# Self-Manage

If you self-manage, you are responsible for managing the money in your NDIS plan. You're responsible for paying your providers on time, and for keeping accurate records of your invoices too. NDIS can ask to see these records at any time.

**Before choosing to self-manage, you should consider:**

- if you're comfortable with being responsible for the financial aspects of your plan
- if you have time to pay invoices
- if you are confident to use the MyPlace portal
- whether you have a system for keeping invoices and proving payment.

## How it works



You get an invoice from your provider



You do a payment request on the MyPlace portal. Wait for the money to come into your account.



You pay the invoice.

# NDIA-Manage (also known as Agency-Manage)

With this way of management, NDIA automatically pays your providers for you. Your providers have to be registered with the NDIA.

Your providers are responsible for getting funding from the NDIS to pay for the services and supports they have provided you.

**Before choosing to NDIA-manage, you should consider:**

- if any of your providers are not registered with NDIS
- if you are happy for your providers to be automatically paid with your funding (you usually won't get to see how much they claim or what it is for before they are paid).

## How it works



The provider does a service booking to give them access to funds



You receive your service from your provider



NDIS automatically pay your provider

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# What's the difference?



Remember, you can have different ways of management for different budgets in your plan (e.g. you can plan-manage your Improved Daily Living budget, but self-manage your Consumables budget)

Self-Manage

Plan-Manage

NDIA-Manage

I can use registered NDIS providers



I can use non-registered providers



I can hire my own support workers



I'm responsible for making payments



I can see what will be paid before it's approved



I have to keep records of payments



I can pay more than the NDIS price guide



I get extra funding in my plan for this option



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