

Type of Plan	Description	Advantages and Disadvantages
NDIA Managed	<p>Providers claim funds through the NDIS Portal (a Federal Government platform for payment).</p> <p>You can only purchase services and supports from NDIS registered Providers.</p>	<p>Advantages</p> <p>As a participant, you do not have to manage payments to providers.</p> <p>Dis-advantages</p> <p>Many providers are not NDIS registered so it can be difficult to access Key Word Sign resources and services (such as workshops, coaching, or Low Cost/Low Risk Assistive Technology e.g., Personal Communication Dictionaries) through your NDIS Plan.</p> <p>You cannot be flexible with use of funding across different support purposes in the Plan. This means you can't use money that has been allocated for Core activities (such as assistance with self-care activities), to purchase Capacity Building supports (such as Therapy supports).</p>
Plan Managed	<p>Your Plan Manager pays invoices sent to them by Providers. Plan management is a support that can be included in Plans.</p> <p>You can mostly access services from registered and unregistered providers (though some supports can only be accessed using NDIS registered Providers. Such as Positive Behaviour Supports).</p>	<p>Advantages</p> <p>As a participant, you do not have to manage payments to providers.</p> <p>You can use both registered and non-registered providers. This makes it easier to access Key Word Sign resources and services (such as workshops, coaching, or Low Cost/Low Risk Assistive Technology e.g., Personal Communication Dictionaries) through your NDIS Plan.</p> <p>Dis-advantages</p> <p>As with NDIA Managed plans you cannot be flexible with use of funding across different support purposes in your Plan. This means you can't use money that has been allocated for Core activities (such as assistance with self-care activities), to purchase Capacity Building supports (such as Therapy supports).</p>

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Self Managed	<p>Providers send invoices to you, the participant. You make payments and then claim the funds back from the NDIS.</p> <p>You can mostly access services from registered and unregistered providers (though some supports can only be accessed using NDIS registered Providers. Such as Positive Behaviour Supports).</p>	<p>Advantages</p> <p>As a participant, you have total responsibility to manage payments to providers, and to manage being reimbursed from the NDIS.</p> <p>You can use both registered and non-registered providers. This makes it easier to access Key Word Sign resources and services (such as workshops, coaching, or Low Cost/Low Risk Assistive Technology e.g., Personal Communication Dictionaries) through your NDIS Plan.</p> <p>You have greater flexibility with use of funding, both within and across different support purposes of the Plan (if the funding is used in ways that meet the reasonable and necessary criteria and is used to support the person with disability to achieve the goals outlined in their Plan).</p> <p>Disadvantages</p> <p>For some people, managing the financial responsibilities associated with funding can be stressful and take time.</p> <p>You need to pay providers from your own money when you receive the service and claim back from the NDIS. For some people this can place a strain on cash flow / finances.</p>