

How to add plan management to your NDIS plan.

Working through your NDIS plan can sometimes feel like a lot – especially when there are so many choices to make. If you're currently self-managing your plan and wondering whether plan management might give you more support, you're not alone.

This guide breaks things down step-by-step, so you can feel more confident about what's involved. Whether you're curious about how it works or thinking about making the switch to being plan managed, we'll walk with you through the process.

Because with the right information – and the right support – you can make the choice that's right for you.

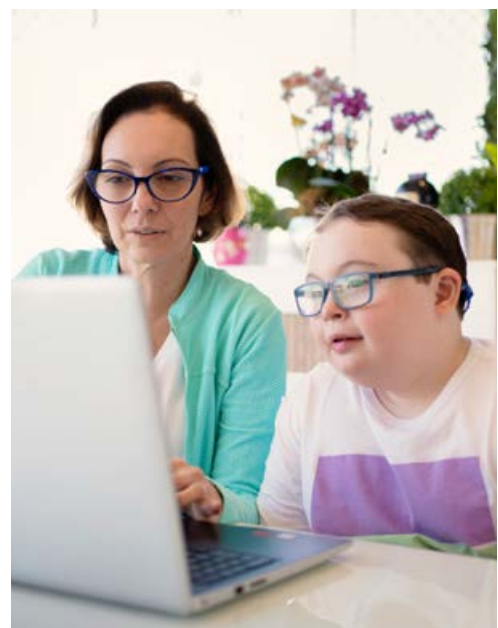
What is plan management, and why choose it?

Plan management is a way of managing your NDIS funds. It sits between self-management and agency management, offering a nice mix of control and support.

Think of it like having a friendly, experienced co-pilot. You still choose your providers (even unregistered ones), but your plan manager takes care of the financial admin, like processing invoices and tracking your budget.

It's ideal if:

- ✓ You want to spend less time keeping records of payments and overseeing provider paperwork.
- ✓ You'd like to choose from a broader range of providers, as you can choose both registered and non-registered providers when your plan is plan managed.
- ✓ You want someone else to handle claims and payments.
- ✓ You want to avoid the risk of being audited.
- ✓ You want support and advice on how to make the most of your NDIS funding and stay within budget.



Step-by-step: How to add plan management to your plan

Whether you're mid-plan or getting ready for your next review, you can request plan management at any time. Here's how:

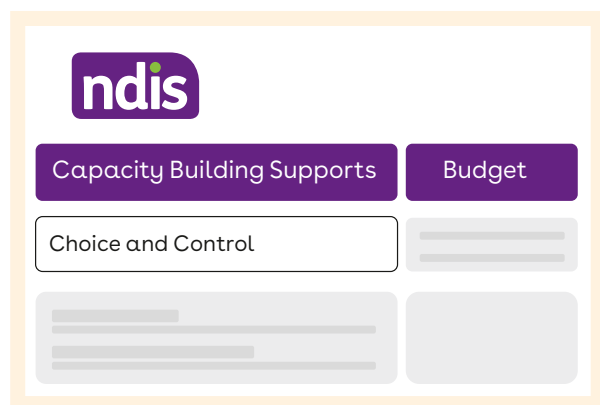
1. Talk to your NDIS planner or LAC

Start by reaching out to your NDIS contact (your Local Area Coordinator or planner). Let them know you'd like to include plan management in your plan.

You can simply say:

"I'd like to have a plan manager support me with managing my NDIS funds."

They'll guide you through the next steps and make sure it's reflected in your plan. Don't worry – you don't need to give a long explanation or justification. It's your choice.



2. Get the plan management budget added to your plan

The NDIS includes funding on top of your existing supports to cover plan management so it won't reduce your other budgets.

You'll see this as a separate line in your budget called Choice and Control under Capacity Building Supports.

3. Choose your plan manager

Once your plan is updated, you can pick any registered NDIS plan management provider you like. They'll help set things up and take it from there.

Some helpful questions to ask potential plan managers:

- How do you help me stay on top of my budget?
- Do you offer a self-service dashboard to track my spending?
- What's your process for paying invoices?



Once you've chosen your plan manager, they'll coordinate with you and your providers.

To sign up for nib Thrive Plan Management, you can give our friendly team a call on **1800 999 333** or fill in our online form at **nib.com.au/thrive/join**

Already self-managing and want to switch mid-plan?

You don't have to wait until your next plan review. Here's how to switch:

1. Call the NDIS directly on 1800 800 110 and ask to update your plan to include plan management.
2. They might schedule a quick check-in or send you a written confirmation.
3. Once approved, you can engage a plan manager and they'll help you transition smoothly.

It's that simple – no need to overhaul your entire plan.

Did you know?

You can even choose to have some support categories plan managed, and keep self managing others. For example, you may wish to self manage something like consumables, and have the rest of your budget managed by a plan manager

This approach allows you to tailor your plan management to your specific needs, giving you more control over certain areas while benefiting from the support of a plan manager for others.

Discuss your options with Thrive.

If you're feeling overwhelmed by paperwork or just want a bit more support managing your NDIS funding, nib Thrive plan management can help. You'll still be in control of your funding, but with a little help, you may have more time and energy to focus on what really matters.

And remember, you're never locked in. If down the track you decide you want more or less involvement, the choice is yours on how you want to manage your plan.



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