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Department of Social Services

Disability Support Pension

DSP is an income support payment for people with a permanent physical, intellectual or psychiatric impairment who are unable to fully support themselves through paid work.

2016 Budget measure: NDIS Savings Fund – Medical risk based review of current DSP recipients

The Budget initiative is to medically review DSP recipients who may have some capacity to work.

This will ensure people are on the right support for their situation and assist people where appropriate to move into work and study.

What was announced in the 2016-17 Budget?

From 1 July 2016, the Department of Human Services will undertake an additional 30,000 medical reviews per annum for three years (90,000 overall) of DSP recipients.

Medical risk based reviews

All the 30,000 DSP recipients selected for a medical review per year will undergo a review of their impairment and work capacity, using current DSP qualification criteria.

The reviews will include a Job Capacity Assessment and where required a Disability Medical Assessment as part of the overall medical review process.

The reviews will apply current qualification criteria and focus on functional ability.

They will use the revised Impairment Tables – introduced in 2012 – which are consistent with contemporary medical and rehabilitation practice.

How will I know if I have been selected for a review?

People selected for review will be sent a letter from the Department of Human Services advising them of the requirement for review and what they need to do.

When will the reviews happen?

Reviews will take place over three years from July 2016.

How can I get more information?

DSP recipients can call the Department of Human Services on 132 717 for more information. Calls can be made from 8.00am-5.00pm Monday to Friday, for the cost of a local call. Calls made from mobile phones may incur additional costs.

There is information on the [Department of Human Services website](#)

Key facts

- From 1 July 2016 there will be an additional 90,000 medical reviews over three years. Of these, 30,000 will also include a Disability Medical Assessment.
- Using a risk based approach the reviews will be targeted to DSP recipients most at risk of not meeting current eligibility criteria and who may have capacity to work.
- People selected for review will be asked to provide their current medical evidence.
- Any savings from this measure will be directed to the [National Disability Insurance Scheme Fund](#).

More Budget information

Visit the DSS website (dss.gov.au) for more information on Department of Social Services' Budget measures.

Visit the 2016-17 Budget website (budget.gov.au) for information on other Budget measures.