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FaHCSIA Funding

Helping Children with Autism Package
0-7 years

The Helping Children with Autism Package is a federal government project that allows families of a child diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder 7 years and under access to \$6000.00 per financial year over a two year period for early intervention services.

You can now apply to purchase See-n-Speak Autism Visual Supports through your child's FaHCSIA Early Intervention Funding

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For more information on the Helping Children with Autism package go to www.fahcsia.gov.au/autism

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Below is an outline of the Helping Children with Autism Package
Early Intervention Resources Policy

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Following a review of the Early Intervention Resources Policy a number of amendments have been made to allow families to access resources that will support their children to undertake activities specified in the intervention plan outside their therapy sessions.

1. Resources must form an integral part of the child's intervention program under the Helping Children with Autism package (HCWA). Therefore intervention resources must be used directly by the family and child as part of an eligible intervention being delivered by the provider and currently being accessed by the child under the HCWA package.
2. The professional delivering interventions should make a professional assessment of resources that would assist the child's therapy. The required intervention resources may also be included in the initial and subsequent treatment plans for the child.
3. The intervention resources must be sourced or provided to families directly by the Early Intervention Service Provider delivering intervention to the child under early intervention funding.
4. Expenditure for intervention resources is limited to 35% of the family's early intervention funding to a maximum of \$4,200 in total (\$2,100 per financial year). Families do not have to spend the full 35% of their early intervention funding on intervention resources. This portion of the funding can also be used (all or in part) for direct intervention.
5. If the provision of an intervention resource is already included in the price of an intervention this cannot be claimed a second time under the intervention resources policy.
6. For a service provider to claim an intervention resource in FOFMS the family must first sign the service delivery record at the time of delivery of the intervention resource to the family.
7. Intervention resources must be claimed through FOFMS under the Case Claims Tab. When claiming for resources, select the Resource option from the Service Provider field. Select the unit of measure that corresponds to the intervention that the intervention resource was used in e.g. session. A claim in FOFMS for an intervention resource must include the intervention type and describe the intervention resource/s in the free text field, e.g. speech pathology – PECS cards.
8. Providers should be aware that families are able to purchase intervention resources from other providers on the Panel that the families are receiving intervention from; either prior to or concurrently with the interventions and intervention resources they are currently accessing.

9. Regular monitoring of FOFMS that identifies spending in excess of this amount will result in payments not being processed.

10. Please direct questions about this policy to your FaHCSIA contract manager.