

Managing NDIS Plan Budgets

The NDIS offers three different options for managing participant's Plan budgets (funding). It is possible for different sections of Plans to be managed differently, giving more flexibility for participants to use their budgets. Each of these options are compared in the table below.

	Agency (NDIA) Managed	Plan Managed	Self Managed
Can I use registered providers?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can I use non registered providers?	No	Yes	Yes
Who processes the invoices through the NDIS portal?	Service Provider	Plan Manager	Participant
Who pays my service providers?	NDIA	Plan Manager	Participant
Are service bookings needed to reserve funds for my service providers?	Yes	No	No
Is additional funding needed if I choose to manage my plan in this way?	No	Yes (separate budget included in the plan)	No (can pay for assistance)
Who keeps a record of the receipts and invoices?	NDIA	Plan Manager	Participant
Can I be reimbursed for consumables/low cost products with receipts?	No	Yes	Yes
Will invoicing issues be resolved for me?	Yes	Yes	No
Do I need to approve payment of invoices?	No	Yes	Yes
Can I see my plan spending in detail	No (balances only)	Yes (depends on provider)	Yes
Can I get copies of all my invoices?	Yes (may be charged)	Yes (may be charged)	Yes
Do I need to set up a separate bank account?	No	No	Yes