

# Transition Time Frame & Pre-planning



**With the majority of the recruitment and training of new Local Area Coordinators (LACs) completed, we expect more clients will have contact in the near future confirming their access to the scheme and the scheduling of planning meetings.**

The South Australian State Government has negotiated with the NDIA to slow down the transition of clients into the scheme.

Under the old timeframes, all existing State and Commonwealth clients were to have approved plans by 30 June 2018. Under the new timeframe, all clients will have their access (eligibility) determined by June 30 and approved plans by December 31.

While this delay may be frustrating for some, the overflow of this decision will hopefully result in quality improvement of plans received and less requests for reviews.

In the meantime, the Department of Human Services (formally DCSI) will continue to fund State disability clients their existing services until their NDIS Plans are in place.

The message to take here is that if you have clients who have not yet had their planning meeting, there is no better time than now to encourage them to pull their information together.

This means:

- Having a clear picture of their supports and any extra supports needed (including quotes from HomeCare+, Support Services and/or other service providers)
- Quotes from supplier or knowledge of continence products used, for example, number of catheters/pads used per day
- Clear understanding of any equipment due for replacement or review, including assessment and supply within the same plan
- Clear picture of their informal, community and mainstream supports (see NDIS Fact Sheet #8)
- Goals and aspirations identified (see NDIS Fact Sheet #6).

PQSA's 'NDIS Getting Plan Ready' booklet has been updated and the electronic version can be found online at:

[www.pqsa.asn.au/news/ndis-information-booklet](http://www.pqsa.asn.au/news/ndis-information-booklet) or  
[www.homecareplus.asn.au/news/ndis-information-booklet](http://www.homecareplus.asn.au/news/ndis-information-booklet)

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