

BrightSky AUSTRALIA

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CAPS

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About BrightSky

Who is BrightSky Australia?

- BrightSky is a one stop shop for specialist healthcare products.
- From many years of experience in supporting people with a disability, the BrightSky team has developed a high level of clinical expertise in continence management.
- BrightSky also specialises in wound care, nutrition, and respiratory products, as well as a range of associated therapies.

What does BrightSky offer?

- Readily accessible specialist aids and appliances.
- Expert clinical know-how, advice and education.
- Gold standard home/direct delivery, information and support services.
- Special Customer Care Program for clients on continence funding schemes such as CAPS.
- All proceeds support people with disabilities.

Clinical Nursing Advice

In the BrightSky clinic, clients can seek help with pre-identified health product usage issues relating to continence, aged care and wound care.

BrightSky nurses provide help with pre-identified health issues such as questions regarding funding schemes, referrals and applications.

Please call 1300 88 66 01 to make a booking

CAPS

Continence Aids Payment Scheme

What is CAPS?

- CAPS stands for 'Continence Aids Payment Scheme'.
- CAPS is a Federal Government Scheme under the Department of Health and Ageing.
- CAPS is aimed at assisting people with permanent, severe incontinence to help meet some of the costs of their condition.

How does CAPS work?

- The CAPS subsidy is set at a value up to \$533.50 per year (2013/14 figure), and is indexed annually.
- It is a subsidy for continence and continence related products.

How does CAPS work?

- Submit an application to Medicare with a Health Report from an authorised healthcare professional.
- Medicare organises a CAPS payment directly into the eligible recipient's bank account in a lump sum.
- CAPS clients can also authorise to have the payment made directly to a nominated product supplier or other authorised representative (use authorisation form which must be signed by organisation/supplier).
- Recipients can decide which supplier they wish to purchase their prescribed products from.

Who can complete the Health Report?

A healthcare professional such as:

- Contenance Advisor
- General Practitioner
- Medical Specialist
- Registered Nurse
- Physiotherapist
- Occupational Therapist

Eligibility

Who is eligible?

To be eligible applicants must:

- ✓ be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- ✓ over 5 years old
- ✓ suffer from permanent and severe loss of bladder and or bowel function (incontinence) due to an eligible neurological condition

Eligible neurological conditions

Category 1 SPINA BIFIDA and SYRINGOMYELIA

Category 2 CEREBRAL PALSY

Category 3 INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

- Congenital neurological infections
- Developmental Delay associated with;
- Aspergers Syndrome
- Autism
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Down Syndrome
- Rare congenital neurological syndromes and conditions

Category 4 PARAPLEGIA and QUADRIPLEGIA

Category 5 ACQUIRED NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS

- Acquired Brain Injury
- Alzheimer's Disease
- Epilepsy
- Encephalitis
- Lewi Body Disease
- Pick's Disease

- Poliomyelitis
- Stroke/Cerebrovascular
- Accident (CVA)

Category 6 DEGENERATIVE NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES

- Huntington Chorea/Disease
- Motor Neurone Disease
- Muscular Dystrophy
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Parkinson's Disease

Category 7 BLADDER INNERVATION DISORDERS

- Ectopia Vesica
- Neurogenic Bladder
- Neuropathic Bladder

Note:

- The bowel neurological condition Hirschsprungs Disease is eligible.

Other eligible conditions

Applicants may also be eligible if they:

- have permanent and severe incontinence due to another condition and;
- have a Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or, if under 16 years of age, a parent with a Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card.

Other eligible conditions

- Anal Carcinoma
 - Anal Fistula
 - Anorectal Malformation
 - Anterior Prolapse
 - Bilateral Nephrostomy Tubes
 - Bladder Cancer
 - Bladder Instability
 - Bladder Muscle Dysfunction
 - Bladder Neck Dysfunction
 - Bladder Neck Fibrosis
 - Bladder Prolapse
 - Bowel Cancer
 - Bowel Prolapse
 - Cervical Cancer
 - Chronic Urinary Retention
 - Congenital Epispadias
 - Detrusor Instability
 - Detrusor Overactivity
 - Enterocutaneous Fistula
 - Hypertonic Bladder
 - Imperforate Anus
 - Irradiated Rectum/Radiation Proctitis
 - Posterior Urethral Valve Syndrome
 - Prostate Cancer
 - Prostate Disease
 - Rectal Prolapse
 - Rectal Ulcer Syndrome
 - Severe Ulcerative Proctitis
 - Spastic Bladder
 - TURP
 - Urethral Stenosis
 - Urinary Fistula
 - Uterine Cancer
 - Uterine Prolapse
 - Vaginal Prolapse
 - Vesico-Vaginal Fistula
 - Vulva Cancer
- Not exhaustive...

Aged care funding and eligibility

Who is not eligible for CAPS?

- Residents of an Australian Government funded aged care home who are receiving high care.
- Recipients of an Extended Aged Care at Home (EACH) package.
- Recipients of an EACH Dementia (EACHD) package while living at home.

The home or service provider is required to provide appropriate continence products.

Aged care funding and eligibility

Who is eligible:

- Residents receiving low care in an aged care home.
- Recipients of a Community Aged Care Package (CACP) in their own home.

Provided they meet the eligibility criteria

Other funding schemes

Other funding schemes

- CAPS will be the main Federal funding scheme with more than 80,000 participants.
- The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) also provides a range of continence products to eligible members of the veteran community via the Rehabilitation Appliances Program (RAP).
- State-based schemes exist for people living in the community with a long-term or permanent disability. These schemes vary significantly from state to state. Many also use CAPS (MASS, PADP).

State-based funding schemes

State	Name of Program	Contact for information
ACT	ACTES – ACT Equipment Scheme	(02) 6205 2622
NSW	PADP – Program of Appliances for People with Disabilities	Enable NSW 1800 362 253
NT	TIME Scheme – Territory Independence and Mobility Equipment Scheme	www.health.nt.gov.au
QLD	MASS – Medical Subsidy Scheme	(07) 3136 3636
SA	Independent Living Equipment Program	Independent Living Centre (08) 8266 5260
TAS	CES – Community Equipment Scheme	1300 723 143
VIC	SWEP – State-Wide Equipment Program	www.swep.bhs.org.au
WA	CMAS – Continence Management and Advice Service	Silverchain 1300 787 055

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Continence Care

- Good continence care requires specialist products, correct product usage and application, and regular reviews.
- Incorrect product usage and poor continence management can be costly, limit independence, social interaction and wellbeing. It can also have health implications.
- CAPS clients should be serviced by a professional provider, where they can get advice and help in managing product usage and be referred on when necessary.

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