



Home and Community Care (HACC) Program

Additional Service Provision Guidelines for Younger People with Disabilities

Four categories of younger people with disabilities (YPWD) living in the community have been identified for the purpose of illustrating these guidelines:

1. Children with disabilities living with their families/carers

Younger children living with their families and/or carers in the community would not have priority of access to HACC support in their own right and the focus of HACC support should be on the carer.

Where family members need a break from their caring role, HACC service providers may be able to provide respite support. HACC respite has the primary purpose of providing a substitute for the carer. Carers may also access support through HACC for counselling, support, information and advocacy. For a carer to receive these services, the YPWD must be HACC eligible.

When deciding priority of access to HACC respite support, HACC service providers should take into account the family's current access to respite support provided under other government programs.

When YPWD reach an age where it is not common practice for a family member and/or carer to provide ongoing support (eg shower assistance to a teenager), and an approach for assistance is made, HACC service providers should consider the following:

- is this is the only support the person needs presently?
- what are the long term ongoing support needs likely to be and will this be more than basic maintenance and support?
- is there a long-term strategy in place to support the YPWD as their carer becomes frail and their own support needs increase? Eg application for Combined Application Process (CAP) funding from the Disability Services Commission (DSC)?
- is this family currently receiving support from another government program?
- is the requested HACC support complementary or duplicative to support available from another government program? Complementary support includes domestic assistance, transport, home maintenance and counselling/support; information and advocacy that is not provided through another program and adds to the client's overall support needs.



Case Study	Support Needs	Comments
Seven year old boy with vision impairment and intellectual disability lives with his mother and 4 older brothers	Request for HACC support to clean the house and to provide social support to the seven-year-old son. The family currently receives support from the DSC Local Area Coordinator (LAC)	HACC service should explore the need for respite for the mother. Domestic assistance and social support should not be provided by HACC.
Fifteen year old boy with cerebral palsy living with his parents	Currently receives assistance with showering 3 times per week from HACC, 24 hours respite per week from DSC and occasional respite from the National Respite for Carers Program	Current level of HACC support should continue but not be increased. If personal care needs are increasing, HACC agency and LAC should consider supporting this family to apply for DSC funding for all personal care requirements.
Family has twins who are 10 years old one of the twins has cerebral palsy and an intellectual disability	HACC provides 6 hours of respite to the family on a monthly basis.	This level of HACC support is consistent with the WA HACC Service Provision Level Guidelines

2. YPWD living in the community

Where YPWD living independently in the community require HACC support, priority of access should be considered in line with the Guidelines for Service Provision Levels in WA (August 2006). Priority of access should include YPWD who:

- are living alone and receiving no informal or formal support
- are sharing accommodation and receiving no informal or formal support
- do not have access to, or are ineligible for, assistance through other government programs (eg DSC, Intensive Family Support, Accommodation Support Funding and Alternatives to Employment)



Case Study	Support Needs	Comments
Two women with intellectual disabilities living together (aged 26 and 34)	Currently receive two hours per week of HACC support for assistance with cleaning the house and shopping and support through the DSC Local Area Coordinator	This level of HACC support is consistent with the WA HACC Service Provision Level Guidelines
Existing Client 54 year old paraplegic man	HACC support to maintain his garden every 6 weeks. Ten hours per week for support with personal care provided through DSC funding	This level of HACC support is consistent with the WA HACC Service Provision Level Guidelines

3. YPWD living in supported accommodation

YPWD living in 24 hour supported accommodation funded by DSC are not eligible for HACC support. All support provided to YPWD living in DSC funded 24 hour accommodation should be at full cost recovery and not reported as HACC clients.

For YPWD living in DSC supported accommodation that provides less than 24-hour support and requests access to HACC support, the HACC service provider should consider:

- the support they currently receive as part of their DSC funded supported accommodation and whether this needs to be increased
- does the requested complementary HACC support fit within the current WA HACC Service Provision Level Guidelines

Case Study	Support Needs	Comments
Two woman (aged 26 and 34) with intellectual disabilities living in DSC funded 24 hour supported accommodation	The two women have heard about the local HACC Centre Based Day Care Program and would like to attend two days a week	If there is capacity at the HACC CBDC the two women can attend at full cost recovery or if staff from their 24 hour DSC funded supported accommodation attend and provide all support required. They would not be counted as HACC clients

4. YPWD in receipt of high levels of support from DSC to live in the community

HACC service providers can provide complementary support such as domestic assistance, transport, home maintenance, counselling, support, information and advocacy to YPWD in receipt of more intensive levels of support from DSC. The support provided by HACC must be complementary and not duplicate any support being provided by DSC.

Case Study	Support Needs	Comments
Married women 42 years old with severe disabilities, her husband works	HACC service provider currently provides 2 hours per week to support house cleaning and shopping. Funding from DSC provides 27 hours per week for all other support needs.	This level of HACC complementary support is consistent with the WA HACC Service Provision Level Guidelines
Older couple in their 70s caring for their adult child	HACC service provider currently provides 10 hours personal care, transport and home maintenance. DSC funding provides 15 hours of personal care and 14 hours of respite	Client will continue to receive transport and home maintenance however there should be a transition plan developed to cease personal care support through HACC as this is a duplicative service already being provided by DSC

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