

Transport

You may be eligible for reimbursement of many of the costs you incur while attending treatment for your child. Ask your GP, Paediatrician or hospital Social Worker if you qualify. You are able to claim for specified travel accommodation and meal costs associated with medical treatment, medical examinations and educational or psychological assessments that are directly related to your child's disability.

Contact your PHO (see page 31) to find a GP that offers 'Low Cost Access' programmes.



Other Financial Help

Community Services Card

Administered by Work and Income, this card allows you to get discounts off doctor's fees and prescription charges. Every child with a Disability Allowance automatically receives their own card. Please note there still may be part-charges to pay on some fees.

You can phone the Community Services Card Centre directly to apply. This card **is** income tested.

Continence Products

If your child is four or over and needs continence products such as nappies, you may be entitled to a subsidy. Ask your GP to refer you to your local District Health Board's continence service.

High Use Health Card

This offers the same benefits as a Community Services Card for people who do not qualify for it but who have ongoing health problems that mean they visit a doctor often. This is administered by the Ministry of Health.

Your application will need to be supported by a doctor. This card **is not** income tested.

Financial Help with Education

Your child may qualify for educational support and extra resourcing. They may also be eligible for transport to and from school. See Chapter Five (page 82) for more information.



A glasses subsidy is available to children under 15 who hold a Community Services Card or High Use Health Card. Go to www.disabilityfunding.co.nz and click on Spectacles Subsidy to apply.

Childcare Subsidy

You may be eligible for subsidised preschool care at an early childhood service. This applies to children under five (or under six if you receive a Child Disability Allowance). If you have other children they will also be eligible to receive the same amount of subsidised hours.

The hours vary depending on your child's needs, in some cases you may be able to get up to 50 hours a week.

If you're receiving 20 hours ECE funding (see page 86) this will effect your entitlement, so discuss this with Work and Income. This allowance **is** income tested.