

EXTRA HELP DURING TIMES OF DISABILITY AND ILLNESS

1. Work and Income

Disability Allowance:

Disability* Allowance is a weekly payment for people who have regular, ongoing costs because of a disability, such as visits to the doctor or hospital, medicines, extra clothing required or travel. You do not have to be on a benefit to qualify for a Disability Allowance.

You may get a Disability Allowance if you:

- have a disability that is likely to last at least six months
- have regular, ongoing costs because of your disability that are not fully covered by another agency
- are a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- normally live in New Zealand and intend to stay here.

The Disability Allowance is not asset tested but does depend on how much you and your partner earn. The application form can be completed online <http://www.workandincome.govt.nz> or by contacting Work & Income on 0800 559 009 to book an appointment.

**Disability - refers to any physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses or activities.*



Community Services Card:

The Community Services Card can help you and your family to reduce the costs of health care. You will pay less on some health services and prescriptions simply by showing your card. You may get the Community Services Card if you

are:

- On a low to middle income and
- 18 years old or over and
- a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident and
- normally live in New Zealand and intend to stay here.

You need to provide 3 documents as proof of identity when you apply for a Community Services Card. Please contact Work & Income on phone 0800 999 999 for further information and an application form.

Funeral Grant:

A Funeral Grant can help with some of the funeral costs of someone who has died. You may also be able to get help to pay for travel to a funeral or tangi. The person who died must have normally lived in New Zealand.

You may get a Funeral Grant if you are either:

- the partner, spouse, child, parent or guardian of the person who died, or
- arranging the funeral of someone with no partner, spouse or direct relation.

You do not have to be on a benefit to qualify for a Funeral Grant, however it is income and asset tested. You do not have to pay the money back.

The Funeral Grant may be used for costs such as:

- professional services for preparing the body for cremation or burial
- the cost of a casket
- newspaper death notice costs
- hearse fees
- compulsory fees for buying a burial plot
- cremation fees

Please discuss with your funeral director, or contact Work & Income on 0800 559 009 to apply for this assistance.

2. Ministry of Health

Pharmaceutical Subsidy Card:

Many medicines are subsidised by the government, however there is a prescription charge (co-payment) for some medications. You are eligible for a Prescription Subsidy Card once you have paid for 20 new prescription medicine co-payments from 1 February each year. Once you have the Subsidy Card, you do not have to pay any more prescription charges for the rest of the year.

If you live with a partner or any dependent children under 18, you can combine your items to reach this total. Tell your regular pharmacist the names of all the people in your family, and the ages of the children as well, to help them keep track of how many items you have paid for. Medicines that are not funded by the government are not included in this total.

Short Term Home Management:

Supportlinks manage the contract for short term home management services within the MidCentral DHB. A four week allocation of home support for 1 hour per week may be available as an interim measure. Please discuss this with a Family Support Team member to clarify the criteria for this service.

National Travel Assistance Scheme:

The National Travel Assistance Scheme helps people financially who are referred by their specialist to see another specialist, and need to travel long distances or travel frequently. The specialists must both be part of a government-funded health and disability service.

Please contact the Travel Coordinator at Palmerston North Hospital on (06) 356 9169 to discuss further and access claim forms.

3. Supportlinks

Personal Care and Respite Services:

Supportlinks is the Needs Assessment and Service Co-ordination (NASC) agency for the MidCentral DHB. Arohanui Hospice works closely with Supportlinks, accessing assessments and care packages to support people in remaining at home. Feel free to discuss this further with a Family Support staff member.

If required, Supportlinks will assist with arranging assessment for respite care and the transition into Aged Residential Care. For information on Aged Residential Care facilities, respite services and vacancies, please access: www.eldernet.co.nz

4. Miscellaneous

Mobility Parking Permit:

Mobility parking permit holders can use mobility parking spaces, which are wider than standard parks and closer to venues. These spaces are marked with the disability symbol, and in many areas are now painted blue. Applications can be obtained through CCS Disability Action or Sommerville Disability Support Services.

www.ccsdisabilityaction.org.nz

www.sommerville.org.nz

Total Mobility Taxi Chit:

The Total Mobility Scheme makes it easier for people with disabilities to get around our region by providing discounted taxi rates for people whose ability to use public transport is impaired. A Family Support Team member will be able to assist with an assessment and application which is then forwarded to Horizons Regional Council.

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all people with life-limiting conditions
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irrespective of their condition or care setting

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devotion RESPECT
COMPASSIONATE
FAMILY sharing
HOPE + PEACE + LOVE
a chance to live fully
comfort **dignity**
support and advocacy
REWARDING
gracious soothing
specialised *unique* safe
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**For further assistance please contact
Arohanui Hospice's
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06 356 6606**

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