

Review Group on Domiciliary Care Allowance

Public Consultation

Submission from:

Individual

Parent/family of child with a disability Yes No

Other Yes No

Organisation

Disability organisation Yes No

Other NGO Yes No

Public body Yes No

Other Yes No

Name

Contact person (If organisation)

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Address

About your submission

Please make your submission under the headings below. If you do so, it is easier for the Review Group to analyse what the opinions and suggestions are. It is not necessary to make a submission under each heading if you do not wish to.

While the following are some suggested topics you may want to comment on, you are not confined to these.

Closing date for receipt of submissions is the 28th September 2012 and should be returned to:

Roy Baldrick, secretary to the review group, DSP, St. Oliver Plunkett Rd.
Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

Freedom of Information

You should be aware that the submissions will normally be available under Freedom of Information request.

1. The objectives or purpose of this scheme

For example:

What is your opinion on what parents use the scheme for?

Do you feel the purpose of the scheme should be about acknowledging

- the degree of care and supervision required by the child relative to children in general
- the additional costs associated with having a child with a disability
- some other objectives?

Your submission:

2. The application and assessment process

For example

- How can this be made more user-friendly
- Should eligibility be assessed based on the child's diagnosis; the level of care and support needs; the additional costs for families; or other factors?
- What documentation/reports should support a claim
- What professionals should validate a claim
- Should assessments for other services be used to support a DCA claim

Your Submission:

3. How decisions are reached and communicated

For example

- What ways can communication with parents be improved
- How can the basis for decisions be made more transparent
- How can decisions be better communicated
- What level of detail should be included in communicating a decision

Your Submission:

4. How individual cases are reviewed

For example

- How often should cases be reviewed
- What should trigger a review
- When should cases be marked 'do not review again'
- What should be the format of the review process
- How can the review process be made more user-friendly
- What documentation/reports should support a review
- What qualifications should those conducting reviews have

Your Submission:

5. Should the rate of payment reflect the level of disability/care need of the child

For example

- If you think there should be different rates, on what basis
- Should the rate of payment be related to degree of disability
- Should the rate of payment be related to degree of care required
- Should there be different rates at different ages?
- Should the payment be phased differently over the year?

Your submission:

6. How the appeals process operates

For example:

- How can the appeals process be made more user-friendly
- What should be the timeframe for appeals
- Where should appeals take place
- What documentation should be required to support an appeal?

Your Submission:

7. Suggestions for any changes to the operation of the scheme

- Give any other changes you would suggest to the scheme, and why

Your Submission: