# **Transcript – We’ve improved theway we fund assistive technology**

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Quotes will no longer be required for assistive technology items under $15,000, making it faster and easier for you to get the right supports.

If your assistive technology will cost between $1,500 and $15,000 we still require written evidence from an independent assistive technology advisor, before we can approve it in your NDIS plan.

These advisors could include:

* a GP
* allied health practitioners, such as a physiotherapist or occupational therapist
* assistive technology mentors
* a nurse continence specialist
* rehabilitation engineers, or;
* other qualified practitioners

and you can give us this evidence at your planning meeting.

Once we’ve included the type of assistive technology you’ve asked for in your plan, you need to work with a skilled assistive technology advisor, to choose the best item for your needs.

If you’ve had this assistive technology before, it may be a phone call or email to confirm your plans. This advisor can also help you set up and learn how to best use your new AT.

You must get their advice in writing before buying or renting an assistive technology item, particularly if it is higher risk to use, or valued more than $1,500.

We’ve updated our assistive technology guidelines to help explain the changes to assistive technology funding.

For more information, please visit ndis.gov.au/assistivetechnology

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