14 March 2025

Please note the advice regarding Art and Music Therapy has now changed. Read the September 2025 update.

Update at September 10 2025

Duckett review confirms art and music therapy to continue

Art and music therapies will continue to be available to people with disability under the National Disability Insurance Scheme where there is evidence it will provide beneficial outcomes.

The Independent Review of Art and Music Therapies led by leading health economist Dr Stephen Duckett AM confirmed that they could be effective and beneficial in the right circumstances.

Read the full Art and Music Therapy update.

Original article below

The independent review into NDIS pricing for music and art supports is being extended to allow time to appropriately consider all submissions.

The Agency announced in December that Dr Stephen Duckett AM would lead a review into price limits for music and art therapy.

The review, originally scheduled to conclude in March, has received approximately 600 submissions.

The extension until 17 April will enable Dr. Duckett further time to assess all the information, including that collected from relevant peak bodies.

It is important to note NDIS participants can continue to access music and art therapy through their current arrangements during the review process.

Furthermore, NDIS providers may continue claiming at current pricing levels as listed in the NDIS Pricing Arrangements.

Art and music therapy are NDIS supports. This review is not considering whether music and art therapy will remain approved NDIS supports, but rather their effectiveness and appropriate

price levels. Regardless of the review findings, music and art therapy will remain part of the NDIS for eligible participants.

Once the final report has been received, the NDIA will consider the findings and finalise its operational guidance later this year.

Any proposed changes will not come into operation until after the review is completed and the relevant findings are considered.

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