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The Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), Stuart Robert, today announced the NDIS will fund a new type of transitional housing support designed to support participants as they prepare to move into their permanent home.

Funding for Medium Term Accommodation (MTA) is available to NDIS participants who require temporary transitional housing while they wait for their permanent home to become ready or available for use. Typical examples of where MTA might be used include:

- bridging accommodation for younger participants who are at risk of being admitted to aged care, or those who wish to leave aged care, while they wait for home modifications or identified specialist disability accommodation
- participants who are ready to leave hospital but are waiting for disability-related home modifications to be completed on their house
- participants who have been found eligible for specialist disability accommodation but are awaiting on a vacancy or build to be completed.

‘The NDIS enables people with disability to live more independently and one of the most fundamental aspects of all our lives is having choice and control over where we live, who we live with and the supports we need,’ Minister Robert said.

‘We don’t want people in hospital or aged care settings any longer than they have to be and by introducing funding for Medium Term Accommodation, we’re addressing those challenges.

‘Today’s announcement also builds on changes being made as part of the Australian Government’s plan to deliver on the promise of the NDIS.’

Medium Term Accommodation has been introduced into the NDIS Price Guide as a new support item, giving clarity to providers on the price limits.

Medium Term Accommodation also responds to a number of key COAG Disability Reform Council commitments and will help deliver on the Government’s target, announced last week, of no new younger people entering residential aged care by 2022.

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