Resources: Our Guidelines updated to help with the hospital discharge/process

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The NDIA is committed to improving transparency of our processes and helping participants understand how we make our decisions.

That is why we have updated the <u>Our Guideline - Medium term accommodation</u> and the <u>Our Guideline - Mainstream and community supports interfaces</u>.

These updates make it easier for you to understand what supports we will provide to participants when they are being discharged from hospital or transition from a justice setting.

Our Guideline - Medium term accommodation

We have updated the eligibility criteria for participants to access medium term accommodation (MTA) when they are being discharged from hospital or transitioning from a justice setting.

Participants who are being discharged from hospital can access MTA if they are eligible for NDIS home and living supports. These include:

- specialist disability accommodation (SDA)
- supported independent living (SIL)
- individualised living options (ILO)
- home modifications.

These changes will help participants to discharge from hospital while they wait for their long term home to be ready. They no longer need to provide evidence of their long term home move in date to access MTA.

Participants who transition from a justice setting can access MTA if they are eligible for SDA. They no longer need to provide evidence of their SDA tenancy agreement.

We fund MTA for up to 90 days but can extend it in limited circumstances.

Our Guideline - Mainstream and community supports interfaces

We have included a new section in the guideline to clarify the responsibilities of the NDIS and the health system when participants are in hospital and preparing for discharge.

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