

Carer Payment – Medical Report (SA427)

including functional assessment
(for a child under 16 years)

Child's details

You will need to provide a separate report for each child – call us on **132 717** if you require additional reports.

Name

Date of birth (DD MM YYYY) CRN

Carer's details

Name

Address

Postcode

Date of birth (DD MM YYYY) CRN

Daytime phone number

This report must be completed by one of the following health professionals who are currently involved in the treatment of the child:

- a legally qualified medical practitioner
- a physiotherapist
- an occupational therapist
- an Aboriginal health worker (in a geographically remote area)
- a registered nurse
- a registered psychologist
- a speech pathologist

Instructions for the parent/guardian (carer)

1 Complete the details above.

2 Make an appointment with the Treating Health Professional. When you make your appointment, let the receptionist know that you will need this report completed.

The time taken to complete this report may be claimed by the treating doctor of the child under a Medicare item when included as part of a consultation. You may only be able to claim the consultation fee for other health professionals under private health insurance. If the Treating Health Professional does not bulk bill, your consultation fee may be more than usual because of the extra time taken to complete the report.

3 Privacy and your personal information.

The privacy and security of your personal information is important to us, and is protected by law. We need to collect this information so we can process and manage your applications and payments, and provide services to you. We only share your information with other parties where you have agreed, or where the law allows or requires it. For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/privacy

4 Read and sign this authority to release information.

- I give permission for medical details and clinical notes about the child to be supplied to Services Australia.
- I understand that the report will be used to assist in assessing a claim for Carer Payment for current and future carers or establishing eligibility for a Special Disability Trust (SDT) and may need to be released to that person(s) by Services Australia.

Carer's signature



Date (DD MM YYYY)

5 Give this report to the child's doctor or Treating Health Professional to complete.

Instructions for the Treating Health Professional

This report may be used to decide eligibility for Carer Payment and special disability trust beneficiary status.

Payment for your report

We have asked the carer of the child to let you know at the time of making their appointment that they require you to complete this report. This is to make sure you have sufficient time for the examination.

The time taken to complete the medical report may be claimed under a Medicare item when included as part of a consultation.

Completing this report

In this report you will be asked to provide details of the child's medical condition(s). Complete all the required questions in this report. If you have any questions about this report, you can call us on **132 717**.

Carers with more than one child with a disability or medical condition

Carers may qualify for a single rate of Carer Payment for 2 or more children or 1 or 2 children and a disabled adult whose combined assessment meets the eligibility requirements for payment.

A separate report will be required for each child.

Carer Payment

Carer Payment is an income support payment paid to carers who personally provide care for an adult or child with a severe disability or severe medical condition and because of the demands of their caring role cannot work full-time.

Carer Payment is income and assets tested.

Thank you for your assistance.



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1 Tell us about the child's disability or medical condition(s):
If a diagnosis has not yet been made, provide a description of the condition(s).

Primary disability or medical condition of the child

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The child's other disability or medical condition(s)

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2 Read this before answering the following questions.

Instructions for questions 3–10

- Indicate the statement that describes the child's usual ability.
- If the child cannot do any of the skills listed in a question, tick the last box.
- If the child's ability is appropriate for the age of the child, tick the first box.
- The child's abilities include what they can do when using their aids, appliances or special equipment items.
- Where the child's disability or medical condition is episodic or is only apparent at certain times, the question should be answered for what the child is currently able to do most of the time.

The child is considered to have the functional ability to do certain things if:

- they can do the task given the opportunity
- they can do the task consistently or on a daily basis, (e.g. the child cannot be said to *'manage their own toileting with minimal assistance'* unless they can do so more or less every day)
- they can do the task to a reasonable standard, (e.g. the child has the ability to *'crawl or otherwise propel themselves along'* only if they can do so without difficulty)
- where the task is in 2 parts, the child must be able to do **both** parts, (e.g. *'child can read and interpret a paragraph from the front page of a daily newspaper'*).

3 Receptive language skills (listening, reading and understanding):

Tick one box only to indicate the child's best ability in this area.

Child's ability is age appropriate. ☐ M-1i

Child understands adult speech or signed language of normal speed and complexity. Child demonstrates full understanding of why they are interacting with a health professional. ☐ M-1j

Child can read and interpret a paragraph from the front page of a daily newspaper. ☐ M-1i

Child can read a paragraph or page from a children's story book appropriate for the child's age group. Child can recall a list of 3 common objects 30 seconds after the list is read to them. ☐ M-1h

Child understands and responds appropriately to simple questions such as 'do you go to school?' and 'what is your favourite colour?' ☐ M-1g

Child follows 2 step instructions such as 'pick up the book and put it on the chair'. Child uses toys appropriately for their intended purpose in meaningful play. ☐ M-1f

Child knows the difference between 'big' and 'little'. Child can demonstrate what common objects are used for. ☐ M-1e

Child recognises pictures of common objects (e.g. points appropriately when asked 'where's the dog?' or 'which one is the truck?'). ☐ M-1d

Child responds appropriately to very simple questions (e.g. points to, or looks at, mother when asked 'where's mummy?'). Child uses objects purposefully (e.g. to make a sound). ☐ M-1c

Child responds to sound. Child tracks noise-making objects. ☐ M-1b

Child looks momentarily at speaker's face. ☐ M-1a

Child cannot do any of the things listed above. ☐ M-1k

4 Expressive language Skills (talking or signing):

Tick one box only to indicate the child's best ability in this area.

Child's ability is age appropriate. ☐ M-2i

Child has almost a full adult vocabulary. Child can discuss and debate complex issues such as politics or religion with an adult. ☐ M-2j

Child can describe their experiences in detail using complex sentences. ☐ M-2i

Child can tell a complex story involving several characters. Child can write a short story. ☐ M-2h

Child can write their own first name by handwriting or typing. Child can state their name and home address. ☐ M-2g

Child talks or signs well and can use 6 or more words in a sentence. Child can describe an event (e.g. a visit to a special place). ☐ M-2f

Child can say sentences with 3 to 4 words. People other than family members can understand the child's speech. ☐ M-2e

Child can clearly say or sign more than 20 words and can use 2 words in combination (e.g. 'Daddy's car'). ☐ M-2d

Child can say or sign 3 or more simple words (e.g. 'mum', 'dad', 'drink', 'bed'). ☐ M-2c

Child smiles and babbles or makes purposeful sounds (e.g. to attract attention). Child demonstrates good eye contact. ☐ M-2b

Child makes a vocal sound other than crying. ☐ M-2a

Child cannot do any of the things listed above. ☐ M-2k

5 Feeding and mealtime skills:

Tick one box only to indicate the child's best ability in this area.

- Child's ability is age appropriate. ☐ M-3l
- Child can use all cooking equipment and kitchen appliances (e.g. microwave oven, electric frypan, or mixer) without assistance. ☐ M-3j
- Child can follow a recipe and prepare a simple meal. ☐ M-3i
- Child can cook a simple snack (e.g. toast). ☐ M-3h
- Child can prepare a simple uncooked snack (e.g. a sandwich). ☐ M-3g
- Child can use a fork and spoon at mealtimes. ☐ M-3f
- Child can eat most solid foods if food is cut up (e.g. raw apple). ☐ M-3e
- Child uses spoon well. ☐ M-3d
- Child can drink from a normal cup without help and can feed themselves with finger foods. ☐ M-3c
- Child can drink from a modified cup when the cup is held by an adult. ☐ M-3b
- Child can suck from a breast or baby's feeding bottle. ☐ M-3a
- Child cannot do any of the things listed above. ☐ M-3k

6 Hygiene and grooming skills:

Tick one box only to indicate the child's best ability in this area.

- Child's ability is age appropriate. ☐ M-4k
- Child can style own hair and clean and cut own finger and toe nails without assistance. ☐ M-4i
- Child can attend to basic hygiene (e.g. toileting, showering and brushing hair) without assistance. ☐ M-4h
- Child manages basic hygiene (e.g. toileting, showering and brushing hair) with little assistance. ☐ M-4g
- Child can wash hands and face and brush own teeth. ☐ M-4f
- Child is reliably toilet-trained during the day and can manage own toileting with minimal assistance. ☐ M-4e
- Child can indicate toilet needs during the day but needs some assistance with clothing and wiping. ☐ M-4d
- Child is toilet-timed during the day or is indicating toilet needs (e.g. asking for the toilet or potty—even if it's too late, or telling parent that pants or nappy are wet). ☐ M-4c
- Child requires full assistance with toileting. ☐ M-4b
- Child cries when nappy is soiled or wet. ☐ M-4a
- Child cannot do any of the things listed above. ☐ M-4j

7 Dressing skills:

Tick one box only to indicate the child's best ability in this area.

- Child's ability is age appropriate. ☐ M-5l
- Child can purchase and care for own clothing without assistance. ☐ M-5j
- Child can wash and iron own clothing if required to with little assistance. ☐ M-5i
- Child can choose own clothing appropriate to the weather and can dress and undress without any assistance. ☐ M-5h
- Child can do up buckles and untie shoelaces. ☐ M-5g
- Child can do up buttons and zippers. ☐ M-5f
- Child dresses and undresses themselves but needs assistance with buttons, laces or tight clothing. ☐ M-5e
- Child can undress with little assistance. ☐ M-5d
- Child tries to help with dressing. ☐ M-5c
- Child lifts arms to be picked up. ☐ M-5b
- Child snuggles in to an adult when cuddled. ☐ M-5a
- Child cannot do any of the things listed above. ☐ M-5k

8 Social and community skills:

Tick one box only to indicate the child's best ability in this area.

Child's ability is age appropriate. ☐ M-6i

Child can use all major community facilities (e.g. shops, banks, doctors) with little assistance. Child has basic understanding of community laws and regulations. ☐ M-6j

Child is able to undertake basic activities in the community (e.g. shopping) with little supervision. ☐ M-6i

Child understands basic personal safety (e.g. how to cross the road and not to go with strangers). Child relates well to both children and adults. ☐ M-6h

Child is aware of being left in the care of others (e.g. school teacher or child care worker) without getting unduly upset. Child understands basic concepts of right and wrong. ☐ M-6g

Child plays with other children and forms close friendships with other children. Child joins in simple games such as 'chasey' and 'hide and seek' but may not understand or follow rules of a game. ☐ M-6f

Child takes turns in conversations (e.g. speaks and then listens). Child knows whether they are a boy or girl. ☐ M-6e

Child initiates contact with other people and involves other people in games or activities. Child is starting to cooperate in play with other children. ☐ M-6d

Child responds to affection from familiar people. Child recognises the difference between strangers and familiar people. ☐ M-6c

Child laughs and giggles when happy and cries when upset or angry. Child is interested in people and enjoys attention. ☐ M-6b

Child smiles. Child settles when picked up and cuddled. ☐ M-6a

Child cannot do any of the things listed above. ☐ M-6k

9 Mobility — fine motor skills:

Tick one box only to indicate the child's best ability in this area.

Child's ability is age appropriate. ☐ M-7i

Child can use a variety of tools or hobby items with accuracy (e.g. for woodwork, sewing, painting or model building). ☐ M-7j

Child can write clearly. ☐ M-7i

Child can write all letters of the alphabet clearly. ☐ M-7h

Child can hold a pencil and draw basic shapes such as squares and triangles. Child can clearly write their own first name. ☐ M-7g

Child can manipulate smaller objects accurately (e.g. jigsaw puzzle pieces). Child can draw at least a head and a body on a person stick figure style. ☐ M-7i

Child can build a tower of 9 blocks. Child can copy a circle and a cross. ☐ M-7e

Child can manipulate larger objects and toys (e.g. can push or pull toys, use posting box toys or build small tower of blocks). Child can copy a straight vertical line. ☐ M-7d

Child can make purposeful movements with objects (e.g. bang on a drum or clap hands). ☐ M-7c

Child grasps and releases objects such as a rattle or feeding bottle. ☐ M-7b

Child can grasp an adult finger but may need assistance to release it. ☐ M-7a

Child cannot do any of the things listed above. ☐ M-7k

10 Mobility — gross motor skills:

Tick one box only to indicate the child's best ability in this area.

Child's ability is age appropriate. ☐ M-8k

Child can hit a ball with a bat and can kick a ball with reasonable accuracy. ☐ M-8i

Child can catch a small ball (e.g. a tennis ball). Child skips well or rides a two-wheel bike. ☐ M-8h

Child can jump and can hop on each leg. Child can bounce a ball and catch it. ☐ M-8g

Child can run fast. Child can balance on 1 leg for 3 seconds. Child can hop on 1 leg. ☐ M-8f

Child can balance briefly while standing on 1 leg. Child can pedal a tricycle. ☐ M-8e

Child can walk and can run a few steps. Child can walk up and down steps. ☐ M-8d

Child has even muscle tone and strength in all limbs. Child can pull themselves from floor to a standing position and may be able to stand independently. ☐ M-8c

Child can independently move between prone and supine positions. Child can crawl or otherwise propel themselves along. ☐ M-8b

Child can lift head when in prone position. Child makes random movements with arms and legs. ☐ M-8a

Child cannot do any of the things listed above. ☐ M-8j

Behaviour and special care needs

Instructions for questions 11—12

Indicate **ALL** statements that describe the child's behaviours or special care needs.

The response should be based on the child's behaviour when they are receiving prescribed medication.

11 Behaviour:

Tick the boxes that apply.

Child is consistently uncooperative and disruptive during treatment or assessment episodes. ☐ M-9a

Child demonstrates self injurious behaviour such as head banging or hand biting and has injuries or signs of past injuries consistent with such behaviours. ☐ M-9b

Child displays aggressive behaviour or violence towards other people or property in the treatment or assessment setting. ☐ M-9c

Child persistently attempts to leave or abscond from the treatment or assessment setting. ☐ M-9d

Child is extremely active and is unable to concentrate on a task for more than 30 seconds. ☐ M-9e

Child displays obsessional, repetitive behaviours (e.g. obsession with particular objects or twirling or spinning objects for extended periods of time). ☐ M-9f

None of the above apply. ☐

12 Special care needs:

Tick the boxes that apply.

Child receives all food and fluids by nasogastric, gastrostomy tube or percutaneous entero gastric tube (PEG). ☐ M-10a

Child has a tracheostomy. ☐ M-10b

Child requires a ventilator to support respiration.

Child requires regular oxygen therapy at home.

Child requires a CPAP or BiPAP machine.

Child is over 4 years of age and is incontinent both day and night. ☐ M-10c

Child is over 3 years of age and cannot stand without support. ☐ M-10d

Child requires a wheelchair and requires assistance to propel the wheelchair. ☐ M-10e

Child requires a wheelchair, quad sticks, prosthesis, crutches or walking frame but can move around with little assistance using this equipment. ☐ M-10f

Child uses an electric wheelchair. ☐ M-10g

Child requires urinary catheterisation several times each day. ☐ M-10h

Child requires specialised equipment, prosthesis or technology to communicate (e.g. computerised communicator, telephone typewriter (TTY), voice synthesiser, cochlear implant, hearing aids or adaptations to a standard computer). ☐ M-10i

Child is over 5 years of age and has persistent difficulties with memory, concentration, planning and organisation. ☐ M-10j

Child has chronic and progressive suppurative lung disease for which ongoing daily airway clearance is provided and/or enzyme replacement therapy and nutritional supplements are required and provided on a daily basis. ☐ M-10k

Child is receiving a course of chemotherapy or radiotherapy treatment for cancer. ☐ M-10l

Child has poorly controlled seizures which frequently require emergency medication or first aid. ☐ M-10m

Child is assisted on a daily basis with at least 2 blood tests to measure blood glucose levels, injections and special dietary management and the child is not capable of determining medication levels, food intake or self administration of medication. ☐ M-10n

Child has a severe eating disorder such as anorexia nervosa or bulimia. ☐ M-10o

None of the above apply. ☐

13 Read this before answering the following questions.

For the following questions personal care means ongoing care required for a significant period every day (at least the equivalent of a working day) because of a child's disability or medical condition, to maintain comfort, sustain life, or attend to a bodily function that the child cannot manage themselves.

14 Does the child have a condition that may significantly reduce their life expectancy?

No ☐ Go to 19

Yes ☐ Go to next question

15 Is the average life expectancy of a child with this or a similar condition substantially longer than 24 months?

No ☐ Go to next question

Yes ☐ Go to 19

16 Does the child need personal care for a significant period everyday for the duration of the condition?

No ☐ Go to 24

Yes ☐ Go to next question

Not sure ☐ Give details below

Comments

17 Is the care load associated with the child so high that more than 1 carer is required to provide this amount of daily care (for example, the amount of personal care required by the child each day is equivalent to more than 1 working day, or continuous care is required day and night, or frequent care tasks such as lifting the child require more than 1 person to perform the task)?

In certain circumstances, 2 or more carers may qualify for Carer Payment for care provided to the same child or children.

No ☐ Go to 24

Yes ☐ Go to next question

18 How many carers are required to provide this care?

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 Go to 24

- 19** Does the child need personal care because of a severe disability or severe medical condition for a significant period everyday?

No  **Go to 25**

For 6 months or more ☐ **Go to 22**

For 3 to less than 6 months ☐ **Go to 20**

Not sure ☐ Give details below

► **Go to 25**

- 20** What is the estimated start date and end date for the period that the child will need this care?

From (DD MM YYYY)

To (DD MM YYYY)

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- 21** Is the child likely to have future episodes of the same or a similar condition?

No ☐Yes ☐

- 22** Is the care load associated with the child so high that more than 1 carer is required to provide this amount of daily care (for example, the amount of personal care required by the child each day is equivalent to more than 1 working day, or continuous care is required day and night, or frequent care tasks such as lifting the child require more than 1 person to perform the task)?

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No ☐  **Go to 25**

Yes ☐ Go to next question

- 23** How many carers are required to provide this care?

► **Go to 25**

- 24** Are you a legally qualified medical practitioner?

No ☐ Provide the details of the legally qualified medical practitioner who can certify the diagnosis indicated at question 1.

Name

Professional qualifications

Address

Postcode

Contact phone number

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► [Go to next question](#)

Yes ☐ Go to next question

- 25** Are there any other comments you would like to make?

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The *Freedom of Information Act 1982* allows for the disclosure of medical or psychiatric information about the child requiring care in certain circumstances. If there is any information about the child in your report which, if released, may harm their physical or mental well-being, identify it and briefly state below why it should not be released. Similarly, specify any other special circumstances which should be taken into account when deciding on the release of your report.

No *Go to next question*

27 Confidentiality of information The personal information that is provided to you for the purpose of this report must be kept confidential under section 202 of the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999*. It cannot be disclosed to anyone else unless authorised by law. There are penalties for offences against section 202 of the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999*.

The privacy and security of your personal information is important to us, and is protected by law. We collect this information to provide payments and services. We only share your information with other parties where you have agreed, or where the law allows or requires it. For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/privacy

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