

## CONTINENCE AIDS PAYMENT SCHEME (CAPS) – Eligible Conditions

<https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/continence-aids-payment-scheme-caps>

The CAPS is an Australian Government Scheme that provides a payment to assist eligible people who have permanent and severe incontinence to meet some of the costs of their incontinence products. The payment is made by Medicare directly into a client's nominated bank account. The 2022-23 payment rate for CAPS is up to **\$650.40** per person. <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/how-much-you-can-get-continence-aids-payment-scheme?context=21826#a1>

An applicant is eligible for CAPS if the applicant is five years of age or older and meets either one of the following requirements:

- The applicant has permanent and severe loss of bladder and/or bowel function (incontinence) due directly to an *eligible neurological condition* and do not require a Centrelink or DVA Pensioner Concession Card
- OR
- The applicant has permanent and severe loss of bladder and/or bowel function (incontinence) caused by an *eligible other condition*, provided the applicant has a
  - Centrelink or
  - DVA Pensioner Concession Card entitlement

### CAPS ELIGIBLE NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS:

Full list: <https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2020/06/caps-eligible-neurological-conditions.pdf>

#### Category 1

- Spina Bifida and Syringomyelia

#### Category 2

- Cerebral Palsy

#### Category 3

- Intellectual Disability
- Congenital neurological infections
- Developmental Delay associated with:
  - Aspergers Syndrome
  - Autism
  - Autism Spectrum Disorder
  - Down Syndrome
  - Rare congenital neurological syndromes and conditions

#### Category 4

- Paraplegia and Quadriplegia

#### Category 5

- Acquired Neurological Conditions
- Acquired brain injury
- Alzheimer's Disease
- Epilepsy
- Encephalitis
- Lewi Body Disease
- Pick's Disease
- Poliomyelitis
- Stroke/Cerebrovascular Accident (CVA)

#### Category 6

- Degenerative Neurological Disease
- Huntington Chorea/Disease
- Motor Neurone Disease
- Muscular Dystrophy
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Parkinson's Disease

#### Category 7



- Bladder Innervation Disorders
- Ectopia Vesica
- Neurogenic Bladder
- Neuropathic Bladder

**CAPS ELIGIBLE OTHER CONDITIONS (Must have Centrelink or DVA Pensioner Concession Card entitlement) <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/caps-eligible-other-conditions>**

**Other categories of eligible other conditions for CAPS - Category 8**

- Anal Carcinoma
- Anal Fistula
- Anorectal Malformation
- Anterior Prolapse
- Bilateral Nephrostomy Tubes
- Bladder Cancer
- Bladder Instability
- Bladder Muscle Dysfunction
- Bladder Neck Dysfunction
- Bladder Neck Fibrosis
- Bladder Prolapse
- Bowel Cancer
- Bowel Prolapse
- Cervical Cancer
- Chronic Urinary Retention
- Congenital Epispadias
- Detrusor Instability
- Detrusor Overactivity
- Enterocutaneous Fistula
- Faecal Incontinence Post-Colectomy
- Hypertonic Bladder
- Imperforate Anus
- Irradiated Rectum/Radiation Proctitis
- Metastatic Ovarian Carcinoma
- Post Ileorectal Anastomosis
- Post Ileal J Pouch Anastomosis
- Posterior Urethral Valve Syndrome
- Prostate Cancer
- Prostate Disease
- Rectal Prolapse
- Rectal Ulcer Syndrome
- Severe Ulcerative Proctitis
- Spastic Bladder
- Transurethral Resection of the Prostate (TURP)
- Urethral Stenosis
- Urinary Fistula
- Uterine Cancer
- Uterine Prolapse
- Vaginal Prolapse
- Vesico-Vaginal Fistula
- Vulva Cancer

If you qualify, print and complete the attached paperwork on the following link and have your regular GP complete their section on page 12; Section 3. This has been downloaded from:

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/continence-aids-payment-scheme-application-guidelines-and-application-form>

