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Support AMT's Petition for Change

Information for NDIS plan managers

What's happening?

The Association of Massage Therapists (AMT) is running a campaign to fix an unfair policy within the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Right now, the NDIS funds remedial massage as a treatment option, but only allied health practitioners are allowed to deliver this service. This means qualified remedial massage therapists—professionals with specialised training in pain management, mobility improvement, and more—are excluded, even though they are recognised providers under private health insurance and the Australian Government's Home Care Package scheme.

Why this matters for plan managers

The current policy creates unnecessary barriers for both you and your clients by:

- **restricting choice:** clients cannot use their NDIS funding for services provided by remedial massage therapists, limiting their options for tailored care.
- **causing out-of-pocket costs:** many clients who require remedial massage are forced to pay privately for these services, which could otherwise be covered under their NDIS plans.
- **overlooking expertise:** remedial massage therapists are highly trained practitioners with qualifications specifically tailored to pain management, mobility improvement, and supporting clients with complex needs.

This inconsistency prevents participants from accessing the most appropriate and effective care providers for their needs.

Why change is needed

Allowing remedial massage therapists to deliver NDIS-funded services would:

- expand the pool of qualified providers for NDIS participants.
- simplify your role as a plan manager by giving you more options to coordinate care that aligns with participant needs and goals.
- ensure NDIS participants receive high-quality, evidence-based care from practitioners who are recognised under other national healthcare schemes.



<https://www.aph.gov.au/e-petitions/petition/EN6823>



How you can help

AMT has launched a petition calling on the Federal Government to fix this policy gap. As a plan manager, your support can make a big difference. Here's how you can get involved:



- 1. Spread Awareness:** Inform participants and their families about this petition and how it could improve their access to care.



- 2. Sign the Petition:** <https://www.aph.gov.au/e-petitions/petition/EN6823>



- 3. Advocate to Policymakers:** Reach out to local MPs and government representatives to highlight the challenges this policy creates for participants and plan managers alike.

How this benefits your clients

This campaign is about empowering NDIS participants to access the best care available, improving their quality of life and health outcomes. By supporting this change, you're advocating for a fairer system that works for everyone involved in the NDIS.

Learn more

Visit the [NDIS campaign page](#) on our website or contact us via info@amt.org.au. Together, we can make a meaningful difference for the disability community.

