

Brightwater Supported Independent Living

Fees and Charges

Brightwater Supported Independent Living (SIL) provides long term accommodation for adults with Acquired Brain Injury and Huntington's Disease. Short-and-medium-term accommodation may be available as a trial or as a transitional option while exploring long term housing solutions.

The following provides an overview of the different fee types for SIL:

1. Charges for SIL support

- These charges pay for the care workers to provide the care and support services.
- The pricing is determined by the NDIS Price Guide and applies to all clients - NDIS participants and non-NDIS clients (see the NDIS website for more information).
 - NDIS participants are charged the NDIS SIL funding amount specified in the NDIS plan, for the period specified, and consistent with the agreed schedule of shared supports. Should you need more direct care support than what is funded, please discuss options with your Support Coordinator.
 - Non-NDIS clients are billed for services as per the Client Fees Agreement.

2. Daily fees for board and lodging

- All Brightwater SIL clients are charged a mandatory daily fee for board and lodging which pays for property, food and other consumable costs. This daily fee is calculated according to national pension rates as outlined in the table below.

| Accommodation Charges (for person over 21 years old) | Amount per item per fortnight | TOTAL per day |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Rent (lodging) | | |
| 25% of DSP (for over 21 year olds) | \$262.83 | \$18.77 |
| (plus) 100% Rent Assistance* | \$211.20 | \$15.086 |
| Board (food, cleaning, consumables to be agreed) | | |
| 50 % of DSP (for over 21 year olds) | \$525.65 | \$37.55 |
| (plus) 100% of Pension Supplement | \$83.60 | \$ 5.97 |
| (plus) 100% Energy Supplement | \$14.10 | \$ 1.01 |
| TOTAL | \$1,097.38 | \$ 78.38 |

The daily fee is currently \$78.38 and is reviewed twice a year (March and September) in line with Services Australia pension rate changes (see Services Australia for more information).

**Eligibility for rent assistance is means tested. Clients who have financial assets, such as property, may not be eligible for rent assistance. All clients will be charged the full daily fee and may require paying directly for any part of the fee not covered by pensions and supplements.*

The following illustration summarises the fee categories mentioned above and highlights items that are covered by the fees and items that are NOT covered by the fees:

Charges for SIL supports

Included:

- Individualised, goal-based support facilitated by disability support staff
- Personal care assistance
- Domestic support
- Medications management and administration
- Preparation of meals and snacks
- Review meetings
- Transport to appointments, at the discretion of site due to limited Brightwater vehicles. If you have NDIS transport in your plan, you will be expected to use these funds.

Daily fees for board & lodging

Included:

Rent/Lodging

- Rent (property and maintenance costs)

Board

- Food (3 meals per day plus snacks, tea and coffee)
- Non-Food consumables (cleaning products, house supplies)
- Utilities (water, gas, electricity)
- WIFI
- Landline phone calls

Excluded:

- Personal toiletries (body wash, toothbrush/ toothpaste, deodorant etc.)
- Clothing
- Bedding
- Towels
- Pharmacy costs
- Meal supplements (not included but may funded in clients NDIS plan)
- General Practitioner and specialist services (such as massage, reflexology and podiatry)
- Online streaming services in client bedrooms
- Hairdressing
- Non-Brightwater transport and leisure activities
- Ambulance (if you do not have Ambulance private cover, all call-out fees and any transport from hospital will be charged to your account).

For Brightwater clients accessing short or medium term accommodation options, pricing is all-inclusive of daily supports, board and lodging as outlined in the NDIS Price Guide (see Short Term Accommodation or Respite | NDIS and Medium Term Accommodation | NDIS).

Thank you very much for considering Brightwater SIL, we look forward to meeting your accommodation needs.

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