

## Disability Act 2006

### Victorian Senior Practitioner Direction

#### Authorised Program Officers

##### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this direction is to ensure Authorised Program Officers are not authorising the proposed use of regulated restrictive practices within a behaviour support plan or an NDIS behaviour support plan which has been prepared by the Authorised Program Officer.

##### 2. Authorising provision(s)

This direction is made under sections 132ZO, 135(6) and 186(6) of the Act.

##### 3. Application

This direction applies to:

- (a) all disability service providers
- (b) all registered NDIS providers.

##### 4. Term

This direction commences on the date it is signed and continues in effect until it is revoked or modified by the Victorian Senior Practitioner.

##### 5. Definitions

In this direction:

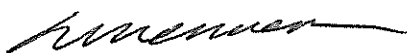
- (a) 'Act' means the *Disability Act 2006*;
- (b) 'Providers' means the providers listed in paragraph 3 who must comply with this direction;
- (c) 'Victorian Senior Practitioner' means the person appointed as the Senior Practitioner under section 23 of the Act;
- (d) expressions used shall, unless the contrary intention appears, have the same respective meaning as they have in the Act.

##### 6. Direction

I, Lynne Webber, Acting Victorian Senior Practitioner, under sections 132ZO, 135(6) and 186(6) of the Act, direct the Providers to ensure that an Authorised Program Officer of the Provider does not authorise the:

- (a) proposed use of regulated restrictive practices in a person's NDIS behaviour support plan; or
- (b) inclusion of the proposed use of regulated restrictive practices in a person's behaviour support plan, if the Authorised Program Officer prepared the person's NDIS behaviour support plan or behaviour support plan (as the case requires).

Signed this tenth day of September 2019



Lynne Webber, Acting Victorian Senior Practitioner