

## Disability Act 2006

### Victorian Senior Practitioner Direction

#### Behaviour support plans and NDIS behaviour support plans

##### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this direction is to set out standards and guidelines regarding the use of regulated restrictive practices which require:

- (a) disability service providers to use the specified template when developing behaviour support plans; and
- (b) registered NDIS providers to ensure the specified template is used before Authorised Program Officers approve regulated restrictive practices for use on NDIS participants.

##### 2. Authorising provision

This direction is made under sections 132ZY and 147A 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. Directions

I, Lynne Webber, Acting Victorian Senior Practitioner, under sections 132ZY and 147A of the Act, direct that the Providers comply with the following guidelines and standards regarding the use of restrictive practices:

- (a) disability service providers must use the electronic BSP RIDS template when developing behaviour support plans under the Act for persons with a disability;
- (b) registered NDIS providers must ensure that a NDIS participant's NDIS behaviour support plan is developed using either:

- (i) the NDIS BSP template, provided that all regulated restrictive practices are included within the template; or
  - (ii) the Victorian Senior Practitioner BSP template,
- before the registered NDIS provider's Authorised Program Officer authorises the use of a regulated restrictive practice on the NDIS participant.

Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019



Lynne Webber, Acting Victorian Senior Practitioner