

## 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 section 146 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, Mandy Donley, Victorian Senior Practitioner, under section 146 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023**



**Mandy Donley, Victorian Senior Practitioner**