

Summary

Objective

We may pay for childcare for a child of a deceased client if they meet the eligibility criteria.

See AC Act 2001, Schedule 1, Clauses 76–78.

Owner

Name withheld

Expert

Name withheld

Policy

1.0 Eligibility criteria

- a** We can start paying childcare for children under an accidental death claim if the following criteria apply:
 - the claim has been accepted for cover
 - the child qualifies as a child of the deceased
 - the child or their representative has applied for childcare support
 - the child lives in New Zealand
 - the child is either:
 - under 14 at the deceased's date of death
 - under 18 at the deceased's date of death and needs childcare because of their physical or mental condition. (The disability does not have to exist at the date of death. The child can still be eligible if they become disabled after the date of death.)
- b** For more details see the following business rules.
 - Eligibility for a childcare entitlement for a child of a deceased client
 - Definition of a child of a deceased client

2.0 Exclusions

- a** Childcare is only available to people who qualify as a child of the deceased. This excludes anyone who qualifies as an other dependant.
 - Criteria for a person to be an other dependant of a deceased client
- b** A child who has a physical or mental condition that begins when they are aged over 18 is not eligible for childcare, even if the child was aged under 18 at the date of death.
 - Eligibility for a childcare entitlement for a child of a deceased client

3.0 Child already eligible for childcare

- a** At the date of death, the child may already be eligible for childcare payments from an earlier application due to the death of another person.

In this case, the child is not eligible for an extra payment. You can extend the cessation date for childcare payments until the cessation date on the later claim, up to a maximum of five years after the later of the deaths. Payment should continue under the first claim for the full period of eligibility.

NOTE Example

A child's father died in an accident three years ago. Childcare was applied for and we have paid for support since then. Recently, the child's mother also died as a result of a separate accident.

If the child remains eligible, we continue to pay for the support under the claim for the father's death for five years from the later (mother's) death.

- End dates for an accidental death childcare entitlement when a second parent of a child dies

4.0 Confirming need for childcare due to disability

- a** If a child is between the age of 14 and 18 and needs further childcare because of a physical or mental condition, you must obtain medical confirmation of the following:
 - the nature of the condition
 - whether there is a need for childcare
 - if so, how long they are likely to have that need.

If the necessary medical documents are available, refer the case file to the Clinical Advisor (CA) and request:

 - an opinion on whether the child needs childcare because of their physical or mental condition
 - whether the need for childcare could change within five years. If so, monitoring needs to continue for the period of eligibility.
- b** For more detail see the following rules.
 - Preferred method to confirm a person was financially dependent on a deceased client due to a mental condition
 - Information needed to confirm a mental condition caused financial dependence on a deceased client
 - Preferred method to confirm a person was financially dependent on a deceased client due to a physical condition
 - Information needed to confirm a physical condition caused financial dependence on a deceased client