

When to Continue or Cease Accidental Death Childcare Policy v10.0



Summary

Objective

A child of the deceased continues to receive childcare as long as they meet certain criteria. The date eligibility ends is known as the childcare cessation date. See Eligibility for childcare.

Owner

Name withheld

Expert

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Policy

1.0 Eligibility criteria and cessation date

- a** A child of the deceased continues to be eligible for childcare until the earliest of the following dates:
- five years after eligibility for childcare began
 - they reach age 14, unless they continue to need childcare because of a physical or mental condition
 - they are over age 14, and no longer need childcare because of a physical or mental condition.

The above only applies if the child is not disentitled in the meantime.

NOTE Example

If a child is 17 at the date of the deceased's death, but needs personal or supervisory care because of a disability, they can receive childcare payments for five years.

- b** For more detail see the following business rules.

- End dates for accidental death childcare when a child is eligible on a single claim
- Ending accidental death childcare when a child dies
- Ending accidental death childcare when a child is disentitled

2.0 Confirming disability

- a** If a child is eligible after age 14 because of a disability, we must annually confirm that the disability continues and the child needs childcare as a result. Confirmation can be obtained from the child's medical practitioner.

When this information is received, it must show the child is disabled by the condition to the extent that they need childcare.

If it is quite clear from the medical information already available, that the child has a severe permanent disability, it may not need to be confirmed each year. An annual check should be made with the child care arranger that they continue to receive childcare.

3.0 Child receiving payments for more than one death

- a** If at date of death, the child was already receiving child care payments for the death of another person, eligibility can be extended to a maximum of five years from the date of the later death, but still capped at 14 years of age, unless extended because of a condition.

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

4.0 Suspension of childcare when child is outside New Zealand

- a** Child care is only available while a child is in New Zealand, and so it is suspended for any period of time that the child is outside New Zealand
- Suspending accidental death childcare payments when a child goes overseas
 - Restarting accidental death childcare payments when a child re-enters New Zealand

5.0 Suspension of childcare when child is imprisoned

- a** Child care is only available while a child is not in prison, so it is suspended for any period of time that the child is imprisoned.
- Suspending accidental death childcare payments when a child is imprisoned
 - Restarting childcare for an imprisoned accidental death client

6.0 Setting next date to revisit eligibility

- a** Eos will generate an automatic task for the next date to revisit the continued eligibility. You can add a new 'Child care extension of disability' planning activity to undertake a review of the case or extend the 'Monitor' date out to revisit.