

Communication Aids - MASS Subsidy Funding

Applicant Acknowledgement

- I confirm that:**
- 1** I have actively participated in the assessment and trial of aid/s and associated accessories.
 - 2** the features and options of the aid/s, and any appropriate alternatives have been fully explained to me by my prescribing health professional.
 - 3** the possible cost implications that I may incur as a result of MASS policy or subsidy funding have been explained to me by my prescribing health professional.
 - 4** the aid/s prescribed are suitable for my needs.
 - 5** I have a safety switch/residual current device installed in my home (only applicable for MASS subsidy funded communication aids that require charging/operation through mains power).

I acknowledge that the aid/s provided by MASS are on permanent loan and:

- 6** remain the property of MASS, unless advised by MASS in writing.
- 7** will only be used by me for the purposes prescribed.
- 8** will be maintained by me on a weekly/monthly basis as outlined in the information provided to me with the aid.
- 9** must be returned to MASS when I no longer require its use or it is replaced, unless advised by MASS in writing.
- 10** must not have any repairs and/or modifications carried out without specific prior approval by the local MASS service centre.
- 11** MASS takes no responsibility for any injury sustained by me through use of the aid subsidy funded/allocated by MASS.
- 12** unless the equipment is supplied to me with written notification that it has been tested for electrical safety and that the equipment was found to be electrically safe, I should assume that it has not been tested and where the assumption applies, Queensland Health makes no warranty as to the electrical safety of the equipment.

I agree to:

- 13** answer promptly any enquiries made from time to time by MASS service centre as to the condition of the Scheme's aids and my continued need for its safe and effective use.
- 14** notify my local Queensland Health Community Health Centre or local MASS service centre should I cease to be able to use the aid/s safely and effectively.
- 15** use the aid/s within the conditions of MASS.
- 16** inform MASS within 14 days of any change in my residential address or eligibility for MASS subsidy funding assistance. For example:
 - no longer eligible for a health care card;
 - in receipt of an Extended Aged Care at Home (EACH) package;
 - in receipt of a Consumer Directed Care (CDC) package;
 - admission to high care residential facility etc.

I understand that if I have taken ownership of a MASS subsidised aid that:

- 17** repairs and maintenance become my responsibility.
- 18** insurance cover becomes my responsibility.

MASS Privacy Statement

YOUR PRIVACY: The Queensland Health, Medical Aids Subsidy Scheme (MASS) collects administrative, demographic and clinical data as part of the MASS application processes, in accordance with the Information Privacy Act 2009 and Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011, in order to assess your eligibility for funding assistance for the supply of aids and equipment.

The information will only be accessed by Queensland Health officers. Some of this information may be given to the applicant's carer or guardian; other government departments which provide associated services; the prescribing health professional for further clinical management purposes; and to those parties (e.g. commercial suppliers, community care and repairers) requiring the information for the purpose of providing aids, equipment and services.

Your information will not be given to any other person or organisation except where required by law.