

Scope of IHC



In Home Care is focused on the provision of early childhood education and care. Further, it is subsidised by Governments Child Care Subsidy (CCS). As stated in The Ministers Rules 2017, the IHC Guidelines and the IHC Handbook, only the delivery of an early childhood education & care program can be subsidised by CCS & ACCS.

What Activities are outside of the In Home Care Scope?

An IHC educator may be engaged by a family to provide services outside of scope of IHC, **however CCS and ACCS will not be payable for these hours of care.** Funding for the other services may be available from other sources, including government programs.

The following activities are outside the scope of IHC:

- household chores such as cleaning, shopping and meal preparation, unless undertaken in relation to caring for the child/children in the session of care
- education and care provided by unqualified educators, except where exemptions apply
- support services not directly related to early childhood education and care, including parental support and disability support
- multi-care (i.e. where care is provided for children from more than one family)
- transport only (i.e. the session of care cannot be only for the purposes of transporting children)
- excursions where they are the primary purpose of a session of care (i.e. the session of care cannot be only for the purpose of an excursion, for example swimming lessons). The excursion may only be incidental to the overall delivery of a child's educational development program
- any activities out of scope of CCS, or unrelated to early childhood education and care
- allied health services
- supervision of distance education and home schooling
- respite care

COMMON QUESTIONS:

Can I use my educator for Distance Education?

Families cannot receive child care subsidies during the time a child is engaged in formal schooling, including for a tutor or governess to supervise the provision of distance education where the care (or part thereof) is for the purpose of the child to undertake a State or Territory education program.

IHC can be provided while supervising a child doing their homework, as this is not considered formal schooling.

Can my educator do school drop off and collection?

Yes, this can occur if this is not the only purpose for the In Home Care Session. (i.e., the session of care cannot be only for the purpose of transport, for example school drop off and collection). *

Can I ask my educator to clean the house/cook dinner?

Household chores such as cleaning, shopping, and meal preparation, unless undertaken in relation to caring for the child/children in the session of care, are not able to occur within an In Home Care Session.

Can my educator work on the property or complete farm chores?

No, your educator is unable to carry out work on your property or complete farm chores, such as feeding animals whilst involved in sessions of care covered by the Governments Child Care Subsidy.

Can the educator take my child to extracurricular activities and appointments?

Yes, as long as the primary requirement is not just the extracurricular activity (i.e., the session of care cannot be only for the purpose of an extracurricular activity, for example swimming lessons). The activity may only be incidental to the overall delivery of a child's educational development program. *

** Ask Service Providers for their policies regarding excursions and transport.*