

Nail salon

It is cheaper and safer for me to have my nails cut and cared for by my local nail salon than a support worker. If no support provided by a professional, the obligation falls on my partner, and he's not comfortable cutting as short as I need them cut.

I would suggest a cap or percentage-based calculation.

Home repairs

I cannot do basic home maintenance tasks due to disability. My partner already does extra cleaning and works longer hours to support me so we prefer using a handyman. We have no issue paying for things that an average person wouldn't attempt themselves, but things like adding a picture hook and properly treating mould and putting up small shelves should be claimable. Materials should not be.

Food

1. Grocery delivery fees - please ensure these are eligible as again it is much more cost effective than paying a support worker to take me shopping or pick up my shopping
2. Takeaway - I can't chop denser vegetables and it is better value to buy a container of roast vegetables and claim a percentage for meal preparation element than to pay support worker to cut vegetables for me. It's also more logistically practical.

Hair salon

Keratin treatment, which I have used twice, more than halves the amount of time I need to spend caring for my hair, which takes longer due to my disability. It also means I don't have to straighten my hair- I regularly burn myself when I do this, due to disability. I already have foregone long hair due to disability- I would need a support worker to assist to care for long hair. By keratin treating I have found I save my limited energy and avoid risk of hair straightener burns. I can then participate more effectively in the economy and pay more taxes.

Sex toys, sex work

Not something I need myself, but I strongly support this being available. It would be highly prejudiced and paternalistic to remove access.

Provide a frequency cap and guidelines.