

CC30 Sensory Loss

Purpose

1. To ensure participants' sensory losses are identified and managed effectively.

Alignment with Practice Standards

1. Module 2: Provider Governance and Operational Management
2. Module 3: Provision of Supports
3. High Intensity Daily Personal Activities

Legislative Alignment

1. National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013
2. Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (Cth)
3. Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011 (Cth)

Key Responsible Executive

Chief Executive Officer

For More Support

Head of Multidisciplinary Care

Policy Statement

1. This policy applies to registered nurses and, and care staff.

Procedures

1. Participants' sensory losses are identified through the assessment and care and service planning process.
2. Participants/representatives have the option of using an optometrist of their choice.
3. Referrals to other related specialists are sought, as necessary.

4. Through the care and service planning process, we identify the level of assistance required in the management of relevant aids such as reading glasses and/or hearing aids. We ensure that these are worn by the participant.
5. We ensure that the participant's hearing aid is operating correctly, is clean, and checking whether batteries need changing.
6. For participants with vision impairment, we can arrange to have large print library books, audio tapes, and sensory boxes to enhance touch.

References to other SAVVY policies

1. CS3.5 Participant Record Management
2. HR4.17 Information Technology

References to other external materials

1. Personal care and clinical procedures manual

Supporting documentation

1. Participant files
2. Assessments, care and service plans, incident reports, progress notes, charts

Version Control

1. 1 April 2023 - New Policy Creation