

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Department of Human Services

Topic: Disability Support Pension – Essential Medical Equipment Allowance

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Question:

Does the Department require DSP recipients who change their address to resubmit the essential medical equipment allowance forms with their doctor's signature?

Answer:

Essential Medical Equipment Payment (EMEP) is paid in respect of medical equipment and/or medically required heating/cooling being run at a specific address. When a person moves address they must lodge a new claim for EMEP at their new address. They do not need to provide proof of their medical needs again, as long as they are using the same medical equipment from their previous residence.