

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Topic: Disability Care Load Assessment (Child) Determination – assessment mechanism

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Senator Siewert asked:

What assessment mechanisms or processes are now used to determine the care load? What is the primary assessment mechanism?

Answer:

From 1 July 2009 for Carer Payment (child) and from 1 July 2010 for Carer Allowance (child), a Care Needs Assessment form is completed by the carer and a Medical Report form is completed by the Treating Health Professional.

These documents combined comprise the Disability Care Load Assessment Determination, which is the primary assessment mechanism for both Carer Payment (child) and Carer Allowance (child).