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Carers of children aged up to 16 years with Type 1 Diabetes to receive Carer Allowance

Federal Member for Chisholm, Anna Burke MP, today announced that the Federal Government will extend eligibility for Carer Allowance for carers of children with Type 1 Diabetes.

As part of the National Carer Strategy, the Federal Government is extending automatic eligibility for Carer Allowance (child) to families and carers of children with Type 1 Diabetes aged up to the age of 16.

From September this year, carers of children with Type 1 Diabetes aged more than 10 years who have a Carer Allowance Health Care Card for their child will automatically receive payment of the \$110 per fortnight Carer Allowance (child).

Currently, automatic eligibility for Carer Allowance (child) cuts out when children with Type 1 Diabetes turn ten years old. This rule was introduced in 2006 and Type 1 Diabetes is the only condition for which there is a cut-off age of 10.

Ms Burke said that the changes would enable better support for those who care for children with Type 1 Diabetes.

“The changes recognises that Type 1 Diabetes is a life-long condition for which there is currently no cure, and provides parents and carers with recognition and financial support for the care they provide”, Ms Burke said.

“Type 1 Diabetes requires complex management and treatment that can be difficult for older children and adolescents to manage. The extension of automatic eligibility for Carer Allowance gives valuable assistance to carers providing this management and treatment”, Ms Burke said.

The Federal Government will invest \$42.6 million over four years to extend eligibility for Carer Allowance.

Further information into access to Carer Allowance (child) for carers of children with Type 1 Diabetes can be found at www.fahcsia.gov.au.

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