

New research study

Out-of-pocket costs of cerebral palsy

People with CP and their families are being faced with significant financial burdens due to disability-related costs, according to a new study from Cerebral Palsy Alliance researchers.

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people with CP, their families & carers were surveyed about the financial impact of CP.

94%

of those surveyed had out-of-pocket (OOP) costs, despite 85% receiving disability funding.

20%

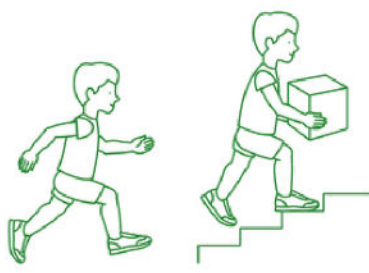
reported annual expenses of more than \$20,000 per-year.

36%

are experiencing high to overwhelming financial distress.

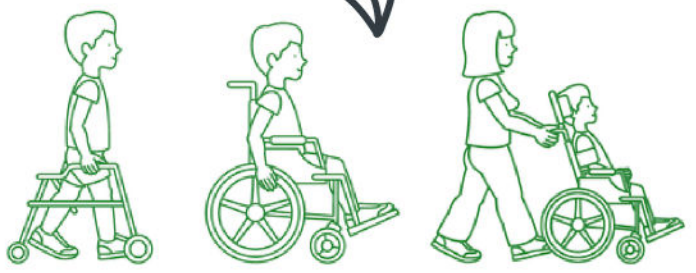
Severity of CP is directly linked to financial impact, with OOP costs **more than twice as high** for those requiring mobility assistance.

GMFCS I-II



Median OOP costs: **\$2,660**

GMFCS III-V



Median OOP costs: **\$10,990**

The most common areas for OOP spending were:



Health: \$1,190



Transport: \$1,050



Home modifications: \$1,000

This research has been co-designed by people with lived experience of cerebral palsy. Families have told us they are extremely grateful for the NDIS – it has been a game-changer. Yet, there is still scope to improve how we best support people to have equal opportunity.

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