

Eligibility Criteria

Case Coordination – Restoration Support

Description	<p>The <i>case coordination – restoration support baseline package</i> is for service providers to provide casework support to children who have been placed with their parent/s in accordance with an approved permanency plan and remain under the care of the Minister¹.</p> <p>This package will be paid with the case plan goal, child needs and any eligible specialist packages.</p> <p>\$16,049 per annum</p>
Package duration	Up to 12 months (in accordance with the approved permanency plan)
Eligibility	<p>The child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a court approved permanency plan for restoration, and • has been placed with their parent/s full-time no earlier than 12 months prior to the date set out in the approved permanency plan, and • the previous authorised placement has been closed, and • has case plan goal of restoration approved on ChildStory, and • is under the parental responsibility of the Minister. <p>Note: this package is expected to commence once the child has been transitioned in accordance with their approved permanency plan; where the foster care placement is no longer required to be kept open; and the child is placed full time with their parent/s. Where additional support is required, the child’s primary placement and service packages should be adjusted as needed. FACS and the Funded Service Providers will work collaboratively together during this time.</p>

Case Coordination (Post Permanency Casework Support)

Description	<p>The <i>Case coordination (post permanency casework support) baseline package</i> is a standalone package to provide casework support to children following achievement of restoration, guardianship or adoption where additional supports are required once the child has exited care.</p> <p>\$16,049 per annum</p> <p>This package is approved on a case by case basis, where support is needed following the achievement of the case plan goal².</p>
Package duration	<p>Up to 6 months</p> <p>Extensions may be granted by FACS. This approval is delegated to Executive District Director or above.</p>

¹ Section 78 & 78A, *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998*

² Please refer to the *Permanency Case Management Rules and Practice Guidance* for information on achievement of the case plan goal.

	<p>Where a supervision/court order is in place (restoration case plan goals only) extensions may be granted by a Manager Casework or above for a period of up to 12 months <i>only</i> in the case where ongoing support is required and in the best interests of the child.</p>
<p>Applying for the package and approval</p>	<p>Service providers should discuss the child’s circumstances with the relevant Permanency Coordinator as part of regular reviews.</p> <p>Service providers should advise the relevant FACS contract manager of their intention to seek case coordination and complete the <i>Application Form: Case Coordination – Post Permanency Casework Support Package</i>. A plan is to be attached to the application outlining the casework support that is required and how it will further support the child in their permanency arrangement.</p> <p>Packages are approved on a child by child basis based on the evidence submitted by the service provider in relation to the child’s continuing support needs. Approval is delegated to a FACS Manager Casework or above.</p>
<p>Eligibility</p>	<p>Post Permanency – Restoration</p> <p>The child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has achieved their permanency case plan goal through restoration, and • is no longer under the parental responsibility of the Minister, and • requires casework support to continue the stepping down of services to maintain the child living safely at home, and/or casework support is required to further develop connections between the child and their birth family or people who are important to them. <p>Note: a supervision order or court order is <u>not</u> required to be eligible for this package.</p> <p>Post Permanency – Guardianship order</p> <p>It is highly unlikely that a case coordination (post permanency casework support) package will be required after the making of a guardianship order. Guardianship assessment criteria³ requires that prospective guardians demonstrate an ability to meet the long term needs of the child or young person without case management or supervision by FACS or an OOHC agency.</p> <p>If a rare, unforeseen circumstance occurs for a child, the funded service provider may apply for the post permanency case work support package using the application form and evidencing the need for casework support.</p> <p>Post Permanency – Adoption order</p> <p>A case coordination (post permanency casework support) package is generally not required in adoption cases as adoptive parents must demonstrate the ability to meet the child’s need both now and into the future⁴. This requires a capacity to meet the child’s identity needs, including time with family and ongoing support of their cultural needs. However, Funded service providers may apply</p>

³ The FACS Guide for Conducting a Guardianship Assessment outlines the applicant’s suitability for becoming a guardian which is assessed on several criteria, one of which is, the prospective guardian must demonstrate an ability to independently meet the long term needs of the child or young person without case management and supervision from FACS or an Out of Home Care agency.

⁴ Clause 59, *Adoption Regulation 2015*.

for this package using the application form and evidencing the need for casework support if the below eligibility criteria has been met.

The child:

- has achieved their permanency case plan goal through adoption, and
- additional short-term casework support is required to further develop connections between the child and their birth family or people who are important to them, or
- is the subject of an adoption plan and additional short-term casework support is required to carry out the provisions of the plan.