A SEPARATE OPTIONAL PRACTICE ARRANGEMENT

Therapist practice through NE

Be the therapist you want to be.
Let us take care of the business behind it.

Love being a therapist, but have no interest in the costs and demands of running an NDIS registered practice? Bring your clinical expertise to NE, with reliable Friday payments, less unpaid administration and an established team around you. There is no joining or onboarding fee.

Get paid every Friday

NE pays you every Friday for the previous Friday to Thursday, whether or not the plan manager has paid us yet. We handle invoicing, claims and payment follow-up, so you are not left chasing the money for your work.

Get time back from unpaid administration

Agreed intake, bookings, invoicing and provider administration move off your task list. Use that time for clinical work, a smaller working week or life outside work.

Illustrative estimate: 25 minutes of administration per one-hour appointment amounts to about 383 hours a year at 20 appointments a week for 46 weeks. Actual time saved depends on the tasks NE takes on. Clinical notes and reports remain your responsibility.

Avoid building a registered practice from scratch

Use NE's established registration, practice software and provider systems for agreed services. NE organises its provider audits, registration administration and payment follow-up. You retain your own professional credentials, insurance and clinical responsibilities.

NE holds 0128 Therapeutic supports and 0110 Specialist positive behaviour support. We agree services within NE's registration and your professional scope for eligible NDIA-managed, plan-managed and self-managed participants. NDIA-managed supports must be delivered by registered providers. Working through NE enables eligible participants with NDIA-managed funding to access agreed services within our registration. [2]

Training and a team to support your practice

NE provides the FREE 2B ME Practitioner Pathway training as part of this arrangement. You are expected to complete it and apply the learning to uphold the high standard of neuroaffirming practice NE is known for. Reflective practice, peer connection and wellbeing support are also provided. You arrange your own discipline-specific supervision.

Keep your professional identity and shape your working week

You remain the named treating therapist with your clinical judgement and client relationships central. Discuss the hours and clinical work you want, including appropriate delegation to NE's therapy assistants. Scope, supervision and funding are agreed with the participant.

The support behind your clinical work

The service package is agreed in writing around your work. NE is the registered provider for these services and remains accountable for its provider obligations. Participants know who provides their therapy and who is responsible for the service. [2]

NE organises	What it includes
Participant intake	Enquiries, onboarding, consent records and participant details.
Agreements and bookings	Service agreements, agreed service details, scheduling, reminders and appointment changes.
Invoicing and claiming	Invoices, claims submission, plan manager liaison and payment follow-up.
Friday payments	Payment of your agreed share for the previous Friday to Thursday, whether or not the plan manager has paid; statements and reconciliation.
Records and practice systems	Practice software, structured documentation tools, secure records, provider reporting systems and relevant NE observations to inform your clinical reports, with participant consent.
Provider compliance	Policies, incident and complaints processes, audit coordination and registration administration.
Workforce requirements	Credential and screening verification, induction, training records and renewal tracking.
Practice connection	FREE 2B ME Practitioner Pathway training, reflective practice, peer connection, wellbeing support and NE's referral and marketing presence.

Timely claiming matters

From 1 December 2026, the NDIS claiming timeframe reduces to 90 days after support delivery. NE organises the agreed claiming process and payment follow-up. You provide accurate service records promptly so claims can be prepared within the deadline. [3]

Practitioner Pathway training and NE standards

NE provides the FREE 2B ME Practitioner Pathway training. Practitioners are expected to complete the learning relevant to their role, participate in supported application, reflection and feedback, and demonstrate NE's standards in everyday practice. This includes neuroaffirming, interest-based approaches, communication access, participant autonomy and sound professional boundaries. Participation in the agreed wellbeing programme is also expected. The pathway supports practice within your professional scope and does not replace your qualifications or discipline-specific supervision.

Delegation that supports a sustainable workload

Where clinically appropriate, agreed work can be delegated to NE's therapy assistants. The treating practitioner defines the task, checks competence, arranges supervision and reviews progress. The participant agrees to the support and eligible funding before it starts. Assistant support does not replace work requiring a qualified therapist.

Premises and fee arrangements

The arrangement is 70% to the practitioner and 30% to NE. Both premises options include the agreed NE administration and provider systems. Where NE supplies the session premises, our 30% share includes the agreed space. Where you supply commercial premises, you meet those premises costs.

Premises arrangement	Your share	NE share
You provide suitable commercial premises and meet their costs	70%	30%
NE provides the agreed session premises	70%	30%

2026-27 national price limits

Illustrative gross shares for one hour of direct therapy at the listed national price limit. These are examples, not a promise of billable hours or income. [1]

Therapy example	Fee per hour	Practitioner allocation 70%
Occupational therapy and speech pathology	$193.99	$135.79
Psychology	$252.99	$177.09
Physiotherapy	$183.99	$128.79
Counselling, art therapy and music therapy	$156.16	$109.31
Social work, rehabilitation counselling and developmental education	$193.99	$135.79
Dietetics	$178.99	$125.29
Podiatry	$188.99	$132.29

Actual fees and paid hours vary. The 70% practitioner allocation is gross and includes any superannuation NE is legally required to pay. The cash payment is lower where NE pays super from that allocation. NE receives 30%. Different rules and limits can apply to travel, non-face-to-face work and other supports. No minimum income is promised. [1]

Understand the costs before you commit

There is no setup, joining or onboarding fee. NE provides the FREE 2B ME Practitioner Pathway training as part of the arrangement. NE's agreed share funds its provider systems and administration. You meet your own professional registration or membership, indemnity insurance, CPD and discipline-supervision costs, and your own premises costs if you supply them. Your written engagement confirms inclusions, premises access, payments, cancellations, travel, reporting, GST and the applicable superannuation treatment.

NE carries ordinary non-payment risk

For services NE authorised and the practitioner properly delivered and accurately documented, NE carries the risk of an invoice that is late, rejected or ultimately unpaid. We resolve claim issues, pursue payment and absorb ordinary bad debts; the practitioner keeps their agreed payment. Services outside the agreed authorisation or involving inaccurate or improper claims are handled separately under the written engagement.

Professional and contracting requirements

Your own requirements

You must meet and maintain the qualifications and professional registration, accreditation or membership requirements for your profession and the service you will deliver. NE verifies the evidence before authorising work. An enquiry or application does not approve anyone to practise. You remain responsible for your assessments, sessions, clinical decisions, notes and reports.

- Current professional registration or the required professional membership, including any conditions, plus relevant qualifications and scope of practice.
- Your own professional indemnity insurance, appropriate to the work you will deliver.
- NDIS Worker Screening clearance and completion of the Worker Orientation Module, plus applicable child-safety checks or verified exemptions.
- Continuing professional development, recency of practice and discipline-specific supervision appropriate to your role.

For specialist behaviour support under 0110, the practitioner must be considered suitable by the NDIS Commission. This also applies to psychologists undertaking that work; psychology registration alone does not replace Commission suitability. Relevant clinical supervision must be in place. [4]

Supervision and support

You arrange your own discipline-specific supervision. NE provides reflective practice, the peer network and wellbeing support. These do not replace profession-specific or specialist behaviour support supervision.

Superannuation is included within your share

The practitioner's 70% allocation is inclusive of any superannuation NE is legally required to pay, rather than 70% cash plus super. If NE has a super obligation, the allocation is divided into the cash fee and the required contribution, which NE pays to the practitioner's complying super fund. [5]

Who must pay super depends on the legal engagement and contracting entity. An individual contractor paid mainly for their own labour can be entitled to super even with an ABN. If the contract is with a company, trust or partnership, the entity's obligations must be assessed separately. The written engagement records the cash fee, super treatment and relevant responsibilities before work starts. Statutory entitlements cannot be excluded by agreement. [5]

Confirming the engagement

Before services begin, NE and the practitioner confirm the profession and scope, verified credentials, client referral sources, preferred hours, premises access, the service package, the 70/30 allocation and the applicable super arrangements. The participant's agreement identifies NE as the registered provider and the practitioner as the treating therapist.

Leaving the arrangement and useful sources

Either party gives at least 30 calendar days' written notice to end the arrangement. A different period can be agreed in writing; urgent safety, legal or professional-registration concerns may require immediate suspension or termination. Notice supports a planned handover and continuity of care.

Clients you personally brought into NE may transition with you if they choose. Their source is agreed and recorded at intake. Clients introduced by NE remain with NE; you must not solicit or arrange to transfer them as part of your departure. Neither party may pressure clients or use confidential client information to solicit them. No client transfers automatically, and a participant's independent choice of provider is respected. [6]

NE retains the service records it must hold as the registered provider. Relevant information can be shared or transferred through an authorised process, with participant consent and applicable privacy and record-keeping requirements respected.

Keep the two offers distinct

This arrangement applies to agreed therapy services delivered through NE. Independent collaboration with NE's paid Interest Based Supports is a separate offer, using separately agreed, eligible participant funding.

Read the separate independent collaboration proposal

Discuss the practice you want to run

Tell us your profession, preferred hours, clinical focus and premises needs. We will confirm eligibility, the service package and the written terms before work begins.

Practice through NE: free2bme.au/therapist-practice

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[1] NDIA 2026-27 pricing schedule
https://www.ndis.gov.au/media/8703/download

[2] NDIS Commission registration and brokerage responsibilities
https://www.ndiscommission.gov.au/provider-registration/about-registration

[3] NDIA 90-day claiming timeframe
https://www.ndis.gov.au/news/11747-rural-and-remote-advisory-group-meeting-summary-october-2026

[4] NDIS Commission behaviour support practitioner suitability
https://www.ndiscommission.gov.au/rules-and-standards/behaviour-support-and-restrictive-practices/apply-become-ndis-behaviour-support

[5] Australian Government contractor and superannuation obligations
https://business.gov.au/people/contractors/laws-affecting-contracts

[6] NDIS Commission participant choice and service transitions
https://www.ndiscommission.gov.au/provider-registration/notify-us-changes-or-events/stopping-services-you-provide