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Topic: Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) and Income Management

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Senator Payne asked:

I understand many CDEP participants who will be moved from grandfathered to income support arrangements will be automatically subject to income management. Will CDEP providers be supported to fund activities that will assist CDEP participants to leave income management?

Answer:

CDEP participants currently on CDEP wages who transition to Income Support will not automatically be subject to Income Management. They must first fit eligibility criteria as assessed on an individual basis by Centrelink. CDEP participants on Income Support are subject to the same income management rules as other Income Support recipients in the same location.

CDEP providers are funded and supported to provide services and projects to participants that include accredited training, non-accredited training and work experience and community development activities that focus on local priority needs. These services and projects aim to improve the capacity, work readiness and employability of participants to assist them towards employment off the CDEP program.