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Senator Siewert asked:

Can anyone access assistance with regard to the external review process if they have been unsuccessful with their DisabilityCare Australia claim?

Answer:

Yes. If a person is unsuccessful and seeks external merits review of a DisabilityCare Australia decision they will be able to access support. This will include a support person who will assist them to navigate the AAT process, attend conferences and hearings and foster 'self-advocacy' where possible. Limited legal assistance will be provided where a case satisfies specified criteria.