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Financial support for home dialysis patients in **Tasmania**

This fact sheet provides information about financial concessions and subsidies available to patients in TAS who manage their dialysis treatment at home. However, financial support differs between each State or Territory. This resource has been developed by the HOME Network, a group of healthcare professionals who are working together to facilitate a positive change towards increased use of home dialysis.

Home dialysis patients face increased utility costs that result from elevated water usage and electricity requirements necessary to run their dialysis equipment. As this is a recognised medical requirement, the TAS Government provides a subsidy through electricity retailers to assist home dialysis patients with the running costs of their dialysis equipment. TasWater also offers a concession on water usage costs for home haemodialysis dialysis patients. Some states and territories offer ongoing financial assistance and/or a single set-up payment for home dialysis patients. For more information about what is available in TAS, contact the Department of Health.

Energy rebate

The Tasmanian Government subsidises the cost of increased electricity requirements for home dialysis patients (Peritoneal and Haemodialysis) by the provision of a Life Support Concession. This gives customers who use an approved life support system a daily discount of 75.877 cents. This works out to be a credit of **\$276** per year that is deducted from personal electricity bills by energy retailers. For more information about the electricity rebate and how to apply, visit

http://www.concessions.tas.gov.au/concessions/electricity_and_heating.

Rebates for concession card holders

The Tasmanian Government provides an annual electricity rebate of 137.980 cents per day to eligible concession card holders. This works out to be an energy rebate of **\$503** per year. For further information about the energy rebate, visit

http://www.concessions.tas.gov.au/concessions/electricity_and_heating

Concession card holders may also be eligible to receive a rebate of up to **\$192** (\$96 for water and \$96 for sewerage) to assist with their water and sewerage service charges. For more information, visit

http://www.concessions.tas.gov.au/concessions/property_and_land_tax

Essential Medical Equipment Payment

Payment of **\$157** annually to Commonwealth Concession Card holders. Once claimed, the Essential Medical Equipment Payment will be paid annually until the person's circumstances change.

For more information about this payment, visit

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/essential-medical-equipment-payment#a4>

Water concession

TasWater offers a special dispensation for home haemodialysis patients, providing up to 200 kilolitres of water per year without charge. For more information and about how to apply, visit

<https://www.taswater.com.au/Your-Account/Concessions-and-Rebates/Concessions-and-Rebates>