

ARE YOU CARING FOR A CHILD UNDER 16 WITH A SEVERE DISABILITY OR SEVERE MEDICAL CONDITION?

Changes to the assessment for qualification to Carer Allowance (child) commenced on 1 July 2010 and include:

- **Single assessment tool** – qualification for Carer Allowance (child) is now assessed and scored using the same process and scoring as used for Carer Payment (child). This makes it easier for carers. All carers qualified for Carer Allowance (child) on 30 June 2010 remain qualified for payment.
- **Easier transition to Carer Allowance (adult)** – It is now easier for carers to move between Carer Allowance (child) and Carer Allowance (adult) when their child turns 16. The carer may remain qualified for Carer Allowance (child) for up to three months after the child turns 16 years. This transition period is already available for Carer Payment.

Do you require further information?

Further information is available from the payment page on Centrelink's website www.centrelink.gov.au, telephone Centrelink on **13 27 17** or for TTY service **1800 810 586**, the Indigenous Call Centre on **13 6380** and assistance in languages other than English on **13 1202**, or visit your nearest **Centrelink office**.