

Provider Portal

Bulk Payment Request

Step by step guide

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Provider Bulk Payment Requests

This document is a short guide to help you upload a Bulk Payment Request on the myplace Provider Portal.

The Bulk Payment Request enables you to submit multiple requests for payment in a single file uploaded through the Provider Portal, rather than submitting individual requests for each service booking for each participant (see scenarios below).

SCENARIO 1:

1 Participant, 1 service booking per week, for a month.

With Create Payment Request, you will need to lodge 4 individual requests.

With Bulk Payment Request, you only upload 1 request (1 Participant x 4 times x unit price for the service)

SCENARIO 2:

10 Participants, each one has 1 service booking per week, for a month.

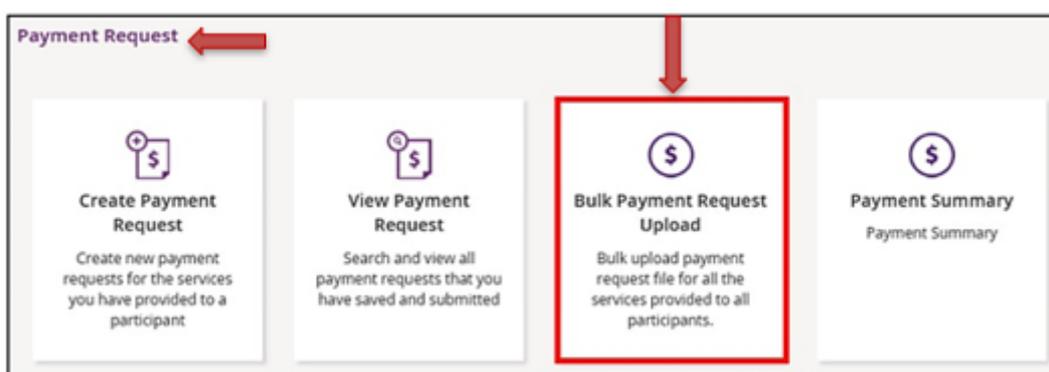
With Create Payment Request, you will have to lodge 40 requests (4 per Participant).

With Bulk Payment Request, you upload one file with 10 requests (10 Participants x 4 times x unit price) i.e. a request per Participant.

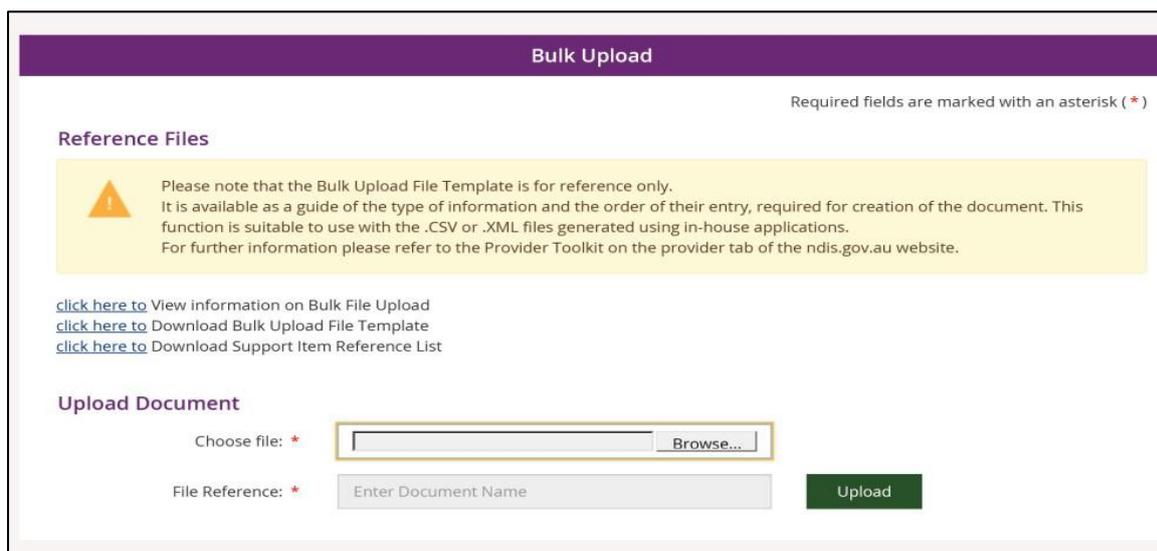
Accessing the Bulk File Payment Request Screen

To create a Bulk Payment Request:

1. Select the **Payment Request** tile and
2. Select the **Bulk Payment Request Upload** button.



The **Bulk Upload** screen appears.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Bulk Upload". At the top right, it says "Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*)". Under the heading "Reference Files", there is a yellow warning box with a triangle icon containing the text: "Please note that the Bulk Upload File Template is for reference only. It is available as a guide of the type of information and the order of their entry, required for creation of the document. This function is suitable to use with the .CSV or .XML files generated using in-house applications. For further information please refer to the Provider Toolkit on the provider tab of the ndis.gov.au website." Below this are three links: "click here to View information on Bulk File Upload", "click here to Download Bulk Upload File Template", and "click here to Download Support Item Reference List". The "Upload Document" section has two fields: "Choose file: *" with a text box and a "Browse..." button, and "File Reference: *" with a text box labeled "Enter Document Name". A green "Upload" button is positioned to the right of the second field.

Reference Files

This screen has three reference files:

View Information on Bulk File Upload: is a guide for providers on what and how to record information within the Bulk Upload File Template.

Bulk Upload File Template: is the bulk Payment Request template that the provider will need to complete and upload to make the bulk Payment Request.

Note: As of 1 July 2018, a new Template file with two additional fields was added. Providers can still use the older Template, but it is recommended that they shift to the new version to take advantage of the additional functionality.

Support Item Reference List: is an excel document that can be downloaded to view all support items (names and codes) that are currently active in Service Bookings with participants. The Support Item Reference List gives you the support number "code" to put into the CSV file when using bulk upload. For example, to claim for a Daily Activity support for Linen service, you will need to put 01_021_0120_1_1 in the SupportNumber field of the CSV file.

This helps providers understand what support items are eligible for payment with their current participants with active service bookings.

Completing the Bulk Upload File Template

The following table describes the data required in the Bulk Upload File.

Note: This information is also available in the **View Information on Bulk File Upload** document. We recommend reviewing that document from time to time for any updates.

Template Field Name:	Required Data/Information:	Required Format:	Mandatory?
RegistrationNumber	The Provider's registration number assigned in the new system (shown in your Profile as Organisation Id).	Number only, no spaces and up to 30 Numeric characters. Will start with 405	Mandatory
NDISNumber	Participant NDIS Number (Siebel or new CRM number)	Number only, up to 20 Numeric characters. Will start with 43	Mandatory
SupportsDeliveredFrom	Start date of the support provided	YYYY-MM-DD (also accepts / e.g. YYYY/MM/DD)	Mandatory
SupportsDeliveredTo	End date of the support provided	YYYY-MM-DD (also accepts / e.g. YYYY/MM/DD)	Mandatory
SupportNumber	Support Item number of the service provided from the new catalogue	Up to 60 characters - underscore acceptable	Mandatory
ClaimReference	The Provider's own Invoice reference for the payment.	Up to 50 characters. which includes - alpha numeric, forward slash (/), hyphen (-) and underscore (_).	Optional but recommended
Quantity	Number of units.	Up to 5 Numeric characters including NNNNN OR NNN.NN. format. Can be used to represent hours (e.g. 2.5 hours = 2 hours 30 minutes) but cannot be in hour format (e.g. 2: 30 = 2 hours 30 minutes). Note: you cannot use both hour and quantity formats for the same claim (i.e. A claim for one session of 2 hours 30 minutes should be either Quantity = 1	Mandatory IF Hours are not entered

Template Field Name:	Required Data/Information:	Required Format:	Mandatory?
		Hours = 2:30 or Quantity = 2.5 and Hours = 1).	
Hours	Actual duration of the service provided. For example, if the service was provided for 2 hours 15 minutes then enter 2:15	<p>HHH:MM e.g. 2: 30 = 2 hours 30 minutes.</p> <p>Cannot use decimal format (e.g. 2.5 hours = 2 hours 30 minutes).</p> <p>Note: you cannot use both hour and quantity formats for the same claim (i.e. A claim for one session of 2 hours 30 minutes should be either Quantity = 1 Hours = 2:30 or Quantity = 2.5 and Hours = 1).</p>	Mandatory IF Quantity is not entered
UnitPrice	Price per unit of the unit sold or the hourly price of the service provided.	Up to 8 Numeric and 2 decimal digits, e.g.: NNNNNNN.NN	Mandatory
GSTCode	<p>GST as applicable to the item or service.</p> <p>P1 = Tax Claimable (10%)</p> <p>P2 = GST Free</p> <p>P5 = GST out of Scope</p>	P1 or P2 or P5	Mandatory
AuthorisedBy	Legacy data can be left blank	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
ParticipantApproved	Legacy data, can be left blank	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
InKindFundingProgram	Name of the in-kind program, if applicable to the support item entered	Not Applicable	DO NOT USE
ClaimType	<p>Claim type of the service provided</p> <p>“”: Standard Service Charges</p> <p>CANC: Cancellation Charges</p> <p>REPW: Report Writing Charges</p>	<p>“” (Blank) or CANC or REPW or TRAN</p> <p>Note this must be capitalised.</p>	Optional

Template Field Name:	Required Data/Information:	Required Format:	Mandatory?
	TRAN: Travel Charges		
CancellationReason	Reason of the cancellation type NSDH: No show due to health reason. NSDF: No show due to family issues. NSDT: No show due to unavailability of transport. NSDO: Other.	NSDH or NSDF or NSDT or NSDO Note this must be capitalised.	Conditional (only applicable to Cancellation claim type)

Creating the File

Download the file and save the Excel worksheet as a .CSV file. Make sure it is saved as the 'Comma delimited' option.

Make sure the filename does not exceed 20 characters in length. This limit includes the extension (.CSV) and all characters used in the filename, including the '.' (dot) (e.g. BULKUPLOAD2.CSV is 15 characters).

Line items within the bulk upload file should create the corresponding number of Payment Requests (e.g. 100 rows/lines (excluding the header row) will create 100 payment requests).

Check there are no extra characters in columns or rows that are beyond the viewable section of the worksheet. There should be no characters in rows or columns that are beyond the claim data you are entering (e.g. your claims end on row 47, but there is a character in a cell in row 102) as this will result in the whole file not loading.

CSV files with the correct date format that are saved and closed—then reopened—will revert the date format to an incompatible format. This is a function of Excel. The dates will need to be reformatted as yyyy/mm/dd which is what the portal requires.

Each time you open a CSV file, the computer's system date format will take effect.

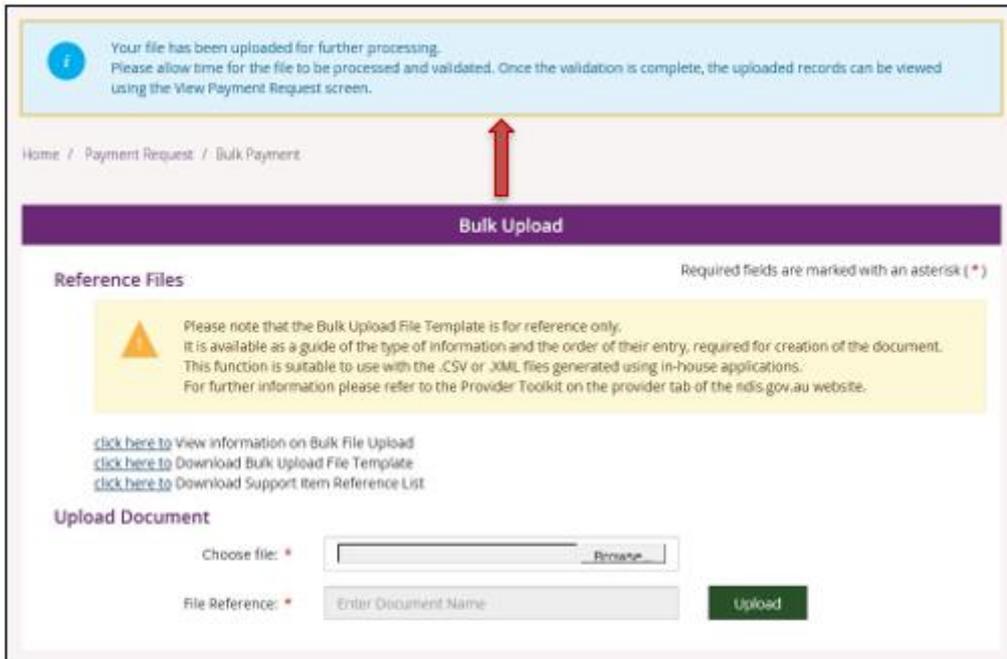
There are two ways to overcome this:

1. Change the format of your computer's date system to yyyy/mm/dd or
2. Keep your computer's date system as is and complete the following steps;
 - a. Edit your CSV file, using EXCEL, with the correct date format (yyyy/mm/dd),
 - b. Save your CSV file somewhere on your desktop, and
 - c. While keeping EXCEL and the CSV file open, upload the CSV file onto the portal using the Bulk Upload function.

It is recommended to use option 2.

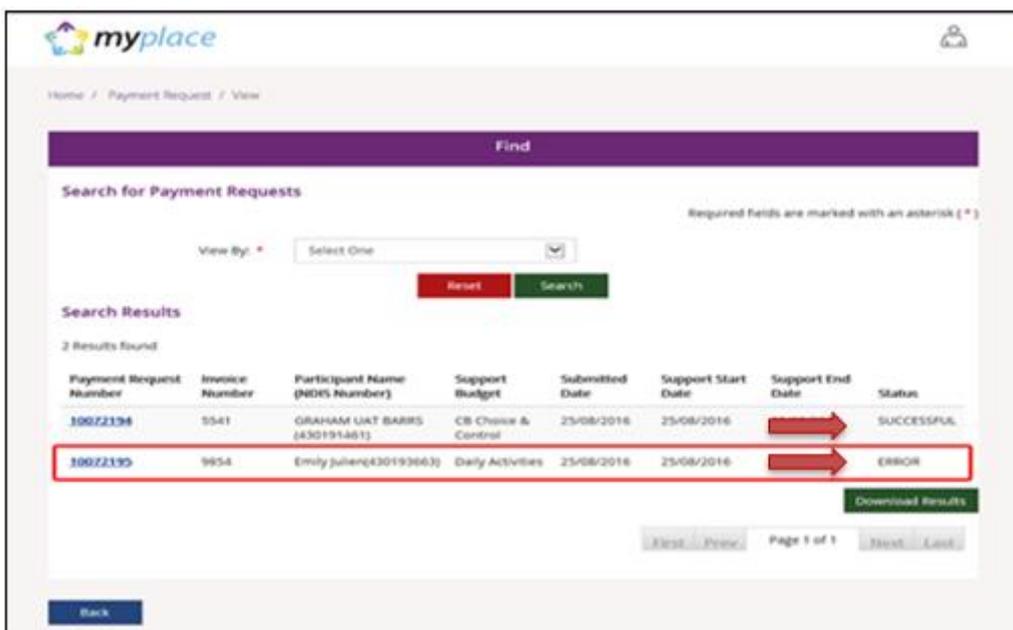
Successful File Upload

If the Bulk Payment Request file meets the upload validation requirements, a message will be displayed advising that the file has been submitted and is pending payment validation. Note that file processing may not be immediate.



To verify that the **bulk payment request** has been processed and ensure the individual payment requests are valid, proceed as follows:

Select the **View Payment Request** tile and search for the recent bulk upload file. Note that this can be done by file name, or by 'duration' which means the period during which the files were submitted



Successful payment requests will have SUCCESSFUL in the status field. If the payment request has been unsuccessful it will return an ERROR status

Unsuccessful File Upload

If the bulk Payment Request file does not meet the upload validation requirements, a message will be displayed advising that the file validation has failed.

In addition, an error file specifying the errors (column A) in the file will be available to download and view so you can make the required changes to the original file.

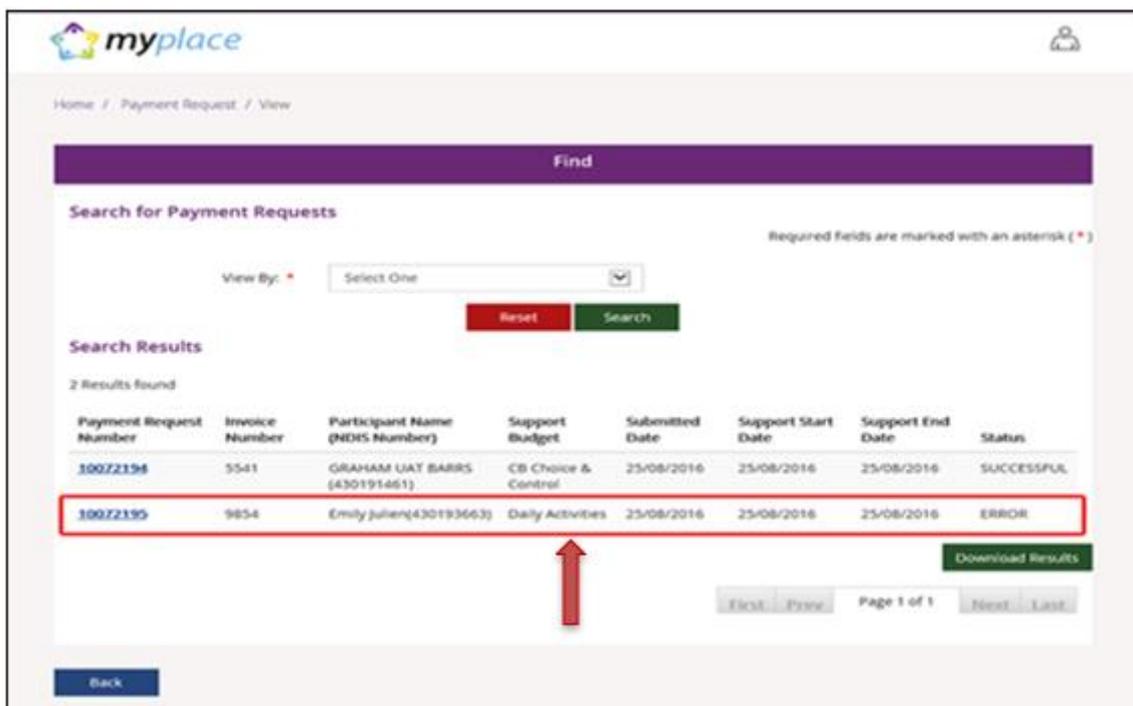
	A	C	D	E
1	ErrorMessage	RegistrationNumber	NDISNumber	SupportsDeliveredFrom
2	Invalid Hours.Use HH:MM. Invalid Date. Use yyyy-mm-dd	4050002480	430039408	28/06/2016
3				28/06/2016

	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	SupportNumber	ClaimReference	Quantity	Hours	UnitPrice	GSTCode
2	15_048_0128_1_3	32516469		24:00:00	75	P5

Note: When uploading the corrected bulk upload file, please ensure that the file is **renamed**, as it cannot be the same name as a file previously uploaded (successful or unsuccessful).

Verifying the Bulk Upload to correct ERROR

1. Select the Payment Request Number with ERROR appearing to see the type of error.



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Home / Payment Request / View

Find

Search for Payment Requests

View By:

Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*)

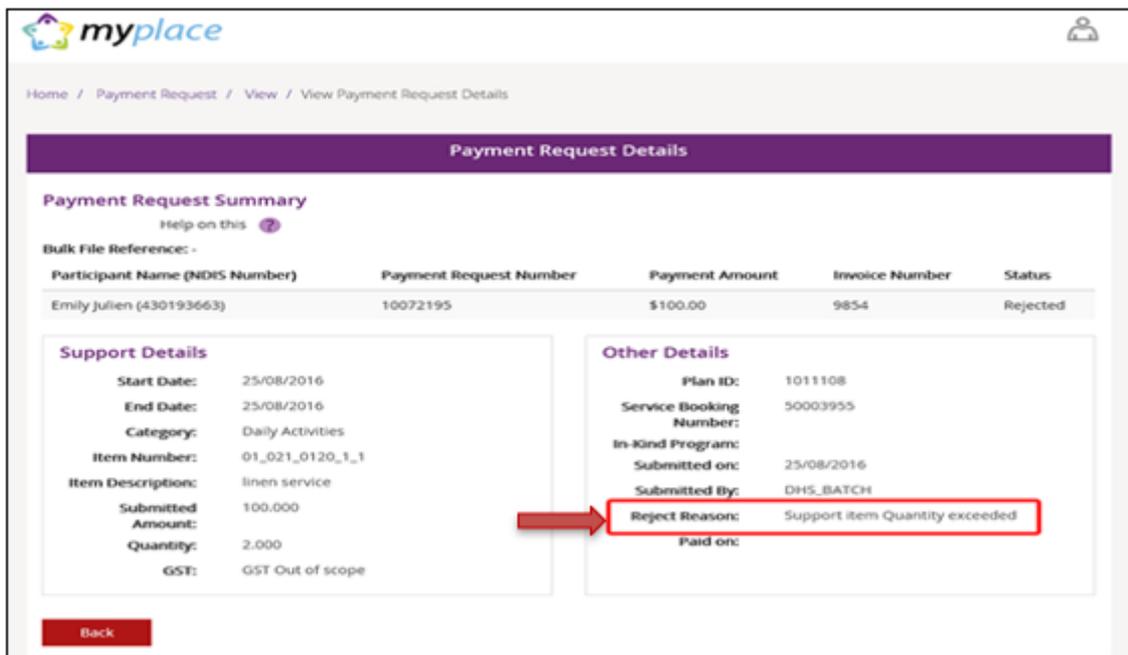
Search Results

2 Results found

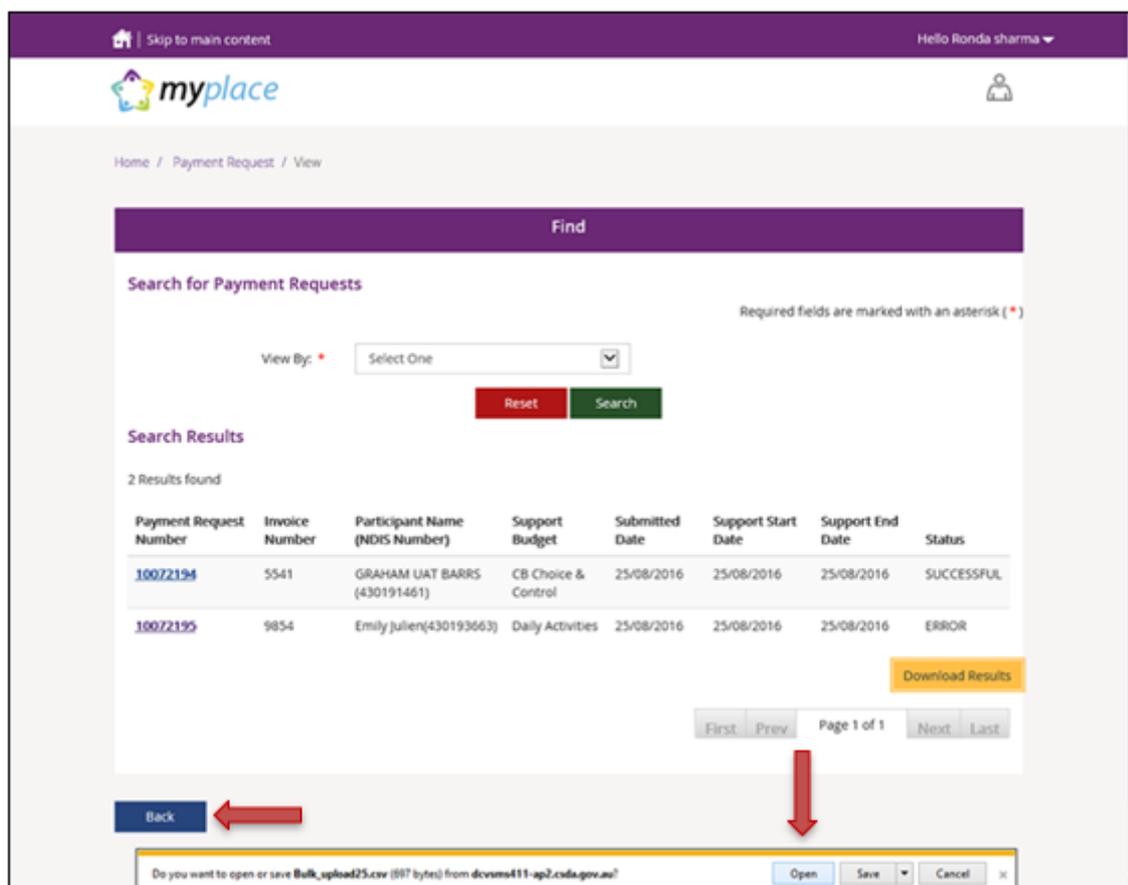
Payment Request Number	Invoice Number	Participant Name (NDIS Number)	Support Budget	Submitted Date	Support Start Date	Support End Date	Status
10072198	5541	GRAHAM UAT BARRS (430191461)	CB Choice & Control	25/08/2016	25/08/2016	25/08/2016	SUCCESSFUL
10072195	9854	Emily Julien(430193663)	Daily Activities	25/08/2016	25/08/2016	25/08/2016	ERROR

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2. Open the entry to verify the Reject Reason.



3. Select **Back** and download the bulk upload results file to correct the error.



The CSV file can be opened with Microsoft Excel and edited to correct the error. In the example below the quantity had been exceeded (2.0) but has now been corrected to 1.

4. Make sure to only edit the record(s) with error. You can keep the same Claim Reference number.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	RegistrationNumber	NDISNumber	SupportsDeliveredFrom	SupportsDeliveredTo	SupportNumber	ClaimReference	Quantity	Hours	UnitPrice	GSTCode	AuthorisedBy	ParticipantApprove
2	4050003187	430193663	2016-08-25	2016-08-25	01_021_0120_1_1	9854			50	PS		
3												

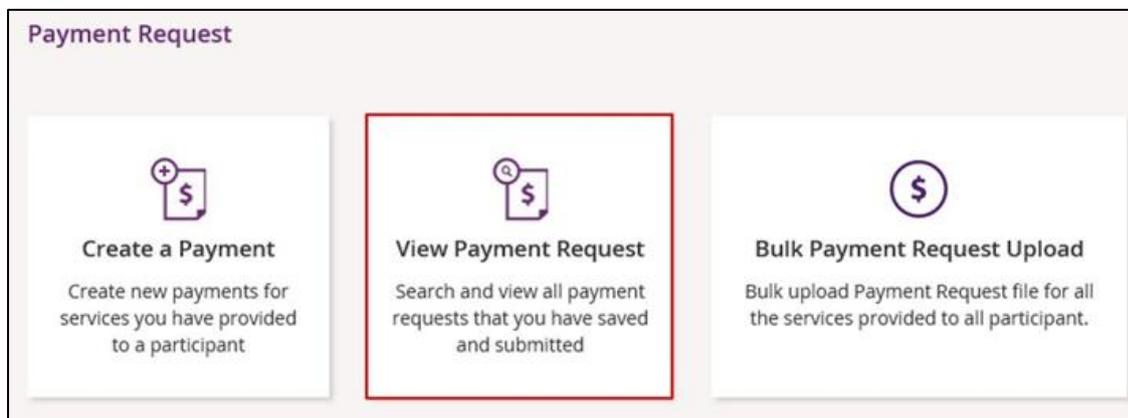
- Save the CSV file with a different name, only including the edited records, and re-upload using the Bulk Upload function. In a situation where you may have several errors, the new CSV file would include as many line items as there are errors, and the header line.

Note: Where the payment amount entered is greater than maximum per unit catalogue price for that item, the system will only pay up to the maximum catalogue price. In such scenarios the claimed amount will be different to the paid amount and it will be marked in the bulk reconciliation file downloaded by the user. (see Payment Reconciliation section below.) field **'Capped'** will be populated with a value of YES or NO based on the following:

- Where the amount paid is different than the amount claimed, then Capped = YES.
- Where the amount paid is same as amount claimed, then Capped = NO.

Payment Reconciliation of a Bulk Payment Request Upload

Currently there is no portal functionality to reconcile rejected Payment Requests against the bulk upload file submitted by the provider.



Providers can check the status of each Payment Request in the **View Payment Request** tile to compare this against the uploaded file.

Providers can check the reason for each incomplete Payment Request by selecting the Payment Request number in the Payment Request tile.

Currently there is no functionality to check the reason of rejected Payment Requests.

Payment Requests that are created with a status of 'Rejected' have failed due to some type of validation error (e.g. the support item price is not valid for the service dates being claimed).

Payment Requests that have been 'Rejected' (or claims that do not create a Payment Request), must be rectified and reloaded. A 'Rejected' claim cannot be fixed in the portal, it will remain in 'Rejected' status forever, and a new request needs to be created.

If your bulk upload results in 'Rejected' Payment Requests or fails to create some requests you should NOT reload the whole file. Create a new file with only those line items that failed, and fix the issues before attempting to reload.

Note: Payment Requests will not appear in the Payment Request tile on the portal.

Refer to the following table for the Bulk Payment Request Outcomes:

Status	Outcome
Pending Payment	View in Payment Request Tile
Rejected	Not Available in Payment Request Tile

Receiving Payment

Payment Requests that are created with a status of 'Pending' will be paid after the next payment run cycle – this occurs a minimum of once a day, Monday to Friday.

A status of 'Pending' will usually change to 'Paid' following the completion of a payment run cycle.

Payment Requests created after the last payment run cycle on a Friday will be picked-up in the payment run cycle of the next business day – typically the next Monday.