



CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT PLAN (CDMP) *(formerly known as Enhanced Primary Care plan)*

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WHAT IS IT?

Chronic Disease Management Plans provide a rebate through Medicare for up to 5 sessions with an allied health practitioner. This may include speech pathology, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and dietetics. Rebates are only eligible for 1:1 sessions.

Please note, this is up to 5 sessions per calendar year, **not** 5 sessions for each of the therapy types.

CAN ANY CHILD ACCESS THIS PROGRAM?

No, not all children are eligible.

There are strict guidelines about who can access this program. Your General Practitioner (GP) can determine if your child is eligible. Eligibility criteria may include;

- A chronic medical condition which has been present for 6+ months
- A condition that requires ongoing treatment from a multidisciplinary team, with at least 2 other medical or allied health practitioners involved in your care (in addition to your GP)

DOES THIS MEAN THERAPY IS FREE?

No. The current Medicare rebate is \$56.00 per session (or if you have exceeded the [Medicare Safety Net](#) for the year this rebate may be higher).

Full payment is required after each session **before** the Medicare rebate can be processed. Regardless of the cost of the session, the Medicare rebate will remain the same. To confirm our current session prices, please contact us on (08) 9201 0707.

We have a HICAPs machine and online software available to process Medicare claims. Once claims have been processed, Medicare will deposit the rebate into your nominated bank account.

WHAT TO DO?

1. To access this program you need to visit your GP. Please note, you will need to book a **long** appointment.
2. Discuss your child's needs with your GP and find out if they are eligible for this program.
3. The GP must complete specific paperwork to support the rebate.
4. The paperwork is then sent to Medicare and to the nominated therapist by GP.
5. Let us know that you have access to the Medicare paperwork at the time of booking your appointment, so we can adjust our invoices.