



Facilitate Occupational Therapy Services

Medicare Funding

We are able to provide Occupational Therapy Services for Adults, Children and Young People under **GP Chronic Disease Management Plans** and **Helping Children with Autism** (also known as **Item 135 Referrals**).

Please note, we are unable to accept “Better Access to Mental Health” Plans.

GP Chronic Disease Management General Practitioner Management Plan (GPMP) or Team Care Arrangements (TCAs) <small>Formerly known as “Enhanced Primary Care” (EPC) Plans</small>	
Provides	A Medicare-subsidy for up to 5 Allied Health services per calendar year. Can cover a combination of different Allied Health Provider Services. Provides a subsidy to the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual session (not group session) • Service is a minimum of 20 minutes duration Note: This scheme does not cover the full cost of services – it is a subsidy only. The subsidy cannot be claimed for report writing.
Eligibility	For clients with a Chronic (or terminal) medical condition who will benefit from a structured approach from Allied Health Providers for their care needs. GP must complete the GPMP or TCA paperwork in order to claim the subsidy. GPMP or TCA paperwork must be dated before the consultation date.
Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral must be completed by a medical practitioner using the correct referral form. • Referral form must be provided to the service for their records, and must be dated before the appointment. • A new referral form is required each calendar year • Services do not accumulate if they are not used in the calendar year.
Medicare Code	10958
Payment	Full cost is paid at time of consultation, and a rebate claimed from Medicare using the receipt. A Gap payment will apply.
Report Requirements	Summary report must be provided after first and last appointment. The Allied Health Provider is required to report back to the GP referrer regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assessments completed; • treatment provided; • future management of the client’s condition; • number of sessions used.
More information	https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mbsprimarycare-chronicdisease-pdf-infosheet

**‘Helping Children With Autism (HCWA) Increased Access to Diagnosis’ &
‘Helping Children With Autism (HCWA) Autism Treatment Plan’**
(Often referred to as Item 135)

Provides	<p>A Medicare-subsidy for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 4 (four) Diagnostic / Assessment services from an Allied Health Professional • Up to 20 (twenty) treatment services with an Allied Health Professionals <p>These are the total number of services available to each child – not an annual entitlement.</p>
Eligibility	<p>For assessment, diagnosis, and the creation of a treatment plan by a Paediatrician or Psychiatrist for a child by the age of 13 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When a treatment and management plan is in place the practitioner who develops the plan can refer the child for treatment service, providing the child is under 15 years. • Only one autism treatment and management plan can be prepared for a child in their lifetime. • A separate referral is required for each allied health professional they are referred to and they will need new referrals for each new course of treatment.
Access	<p>Paediatrician or Psychiatrist referral to the Allied Health Professional (this does not need to be a specific form, it may be a letter or note, signed and dated by the referring practitioner).</p>
Code	<p>82010 – assistance with diagnosis / assessment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 4 in a course of treatment • 8 in total over lifetime. • Service is at least 50 minutes duration <p>82025 – treatment services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to a maximum of 10 services in a course of treatment • 20 in total over lifetime • Service is a minimum of 30 minutes duration
Payment	<p>Full cost is payable at consultation, and a rebate claimed from Medicare using the receipt. A Gap payment will apply</p>
Report Requirements	<p>On the completion of the course of treatment, the therapist gives a written report to the referring practitioner on assessment, treatment provided and recommendations</p>
More information	<p>https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/autism-children http://www.amaze.org.au/</p>

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