



Information on Funding

Chronic Disease Management Plan for Occupational Therapy

For children with conditions that are considered chronic (i.e. duration of 6 months or more) may be eligible for up to 5 Medicare rebates annually for Allied Health (including Occupational Therapy) under the Chronic Disease Management Plan (CDM). Please discuss with your General Practitioner whether your child may be eligible for CDM plan.

To claim CDM, provide to Medicare a paid invoice from OTW that stipulates the Medicare item number and referral details as provided in the CDM plan. Please note: this rebate does not cover the full cost of session, a gap payment is required.

Better Access to Mental Health

Tina Hamilton is an accredited practitioner with Medicare Better Access to Mental Health (BAMH). Please discuss your child's need in this area with me and then with your Family Doctor. Your family GP will determine eligibility.

Parents can download the flyer to take to their GP here. [Click here](#)

Autism Spectrum Disorder: Diagnosis and Treatment plan

A paediatrician may refer for up to 4 allied health session (occupational therapy, speech pathology and/or psychology) to assist with *diagnosis and treatment planning*.

Helping Children with Autism Access to Treatment

If your child has a diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder they are eligible for Medicare rebates for 20 Occupational Therapy (allied health) *treatment* sessions up until the age of 15 years.

The Medicare item referral needs to be written by a paediatrician (item number 135) or psychiatrist before the child's 13th birthday.

Helping Children with Autism Package

\$12,000 of early intervention therapy and services and/or resources are available for children with diagnosed Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) until their 7th birthday. This funding is called the Helping Children with Autism or "HCWA" funding. The Autism Advisor from Autism Queensland will assist with applying for this package.





Private Health Insurance

Occupational Therapy Whitsunday is registered for rebates with most major private health insurance companies. It is the client's responsibility to contact their health insurance provider to ascertain rebate amounts and annual limits. We strongly recommend that you this check prior to starting Occupational Therapy

Better Start

Better Start for Children with a disability provides access to early intervention services. Eligible children will be able to access up to \$12 000 in early intervention funding. For more information go to:

<http://www.betterstart.net.au/>

Amaze the Victorian Autism Association has a terrific Medicare factsheet, click [through here](#)

<http://www.amaze.org.au/uploads/2014/03/Fact-Sheet-Medicare-Benefits-Information-March-2014.pdf>