

Medicare Services

Do you know that eligible participants can access a rebate for up to 5 occupational therapy sessions via Medicare?

Here's what you need to know:

What is it?

Through Medicare, clients can access a rebate for occupational therapy supports for up to 5 sessions. A client can access a maximum rebate of \$55.10 per session.

- Most initial sessions for occupational therapy will take at least one hour to complete. WHR charges an hourly rate of \$193.99 (indexed 1st July each year).
 - o Example:
 - 60-minute session - \$193.99 (Medicare rebate of \$55.10) leaves clients with a gap payment of \$138.39 for the initial session.

 - 90-minute session - \$290.99 (Medicare rebate of \$55.10) leaves clients with a gap payment of \$235.89 for the initial session.

Who is eligible for the Medicare rebate?

To access the Medicare rebate, your GP will need to send a referral to our admin team on your behalf. Referrals can be sent to admin@whralliedhealth.com. Please speak to your GP to find out if you are eligible.

Medicare has also provided the following information around eligibility:

'Medicare benefits are available for certain services provided by eligible allied health professionals to people with chronic conditions and complex care needs who are being managed by a GP or medical practitioner using certain Chronic Disease Management (CDM) Medicare items or are enrolled in a Health Care Home. The allied health services must be recommended in the patient's plan as part of the management of their chronic condition.' <http://www9.health.gov.au/mbs/fullDisplay.cfm?type=item&q=10958&qt=item>

Where do we access supports?

Sessions are held in our clinic, at home or in the community. It is important to keep in mind that we do charge an hourly rate (\$193.99/hr) for travel time. Travel is charged for any appointments outside the clinic.

How to access the rebate

- WHR Allied Health provides invoices to clients directly for the services provided. We will email or post an invoice for the full amount to you which is required to be paid within 7 days.



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- Once you have paid your invoice, we will send you a tax invoice receipt which you will need to make your claim via Medicare.
- Please note WHR Allied Health do not offer online claiming from our practice. After WHR Allied Health provides a receipt for the paid invoice, clients will be able to lodge their claims via the following options:
 - Online claim
 - Express Plus Medicare mobile app
 - Contacting the Medicare telephone claims line on 1300 360 460, accessible 24 hrs/7 days
 - Going to the nearest Medicare offices to claim in person

More information and examples of how you might utilise the Medicare rebate

Subsequent sessions may take less time. Please note that any session lasting more than 20 minutes will be deducted by Medicare from your 5 rebated sessions for the year.

Example:

30-minute session – \$96.99, (rebate of \$55.10) leaving a gap payment of \$34.83

45-minute session – \$145.49 (rebate of \$55.10) leaving a gap payment of \$90.39

Did you find this information helpful? Or would you like us to add anything further? We'd love to hear from you!

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