

Better Start Funding in Detail

	Early Intervention Funding	Medicare Rebates	
What for?	Towards the cost of approved early intervention.	4 private diagnostic sessions. Can be used for cognitive assessments, sensory assessments etc... to find out more information about your child's functioning.	20 treatment sessions.
How much?	\$12,000 - Maximum \$6,000 spent per financial year.	Medicare Rebates: - Psychologist = \$84.80 - All other services = \$74.80	Medicare Rebates: - Psychologist = \$84.80 - All other services = \$74.80
What Services?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Audiologists. - Occupational Therapists. - Orthoptists. - Physiotherapists. - Psychologists. - Speech Pathologists. <p>- One third of funding can be put towards equipment and teaching materials (must contribute to therapy plan of service provider).</p> <p>- Can be used to pay the gap between the cost of a service and the private health insurance rebate (but not the Medicare rebate)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Psychologists. - Occupational Therapists. - Speech Pathologists. - Audiologists. - Optometrists. - Physiotherapists. - Orthoptists. <p>Check service is registered with Medicare for this.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Psychologists. - Occupational Therapists. - Speech Pathologists. - Audiologists. - Optometrists. - Physiotherapists. - Orthoptists. <p>Check service is registered with Medicare for this.</p>
Use by When?	Before the child's 7 th birthday.	Before the child's 13 th birthday. Can only be used AFTER a diagnosis, but can be used before any funding is applied for.	Treatment plan must be developed by paediatrician or child psychiatrist before the child's 13 th birthday, and sessions to be used before the child turns 15. Can only be used AFTER a diagnosis, but can be used before any funding is applied for.