

Medicare Rebates In Detail

	How much is rebated?	Which services?	How many sessions?	Eligibility	Notes
Chronic Disease Management <i>(formerly known as: Enhanced Primary Care)</i>	\$52.95 per session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speech Pathologist - Occupational Therapist - Physiotherapy - Social Work - Dietician - Psychologist - Aboriginal Health Worker - Chiropractor - Exercise physiologist - Mental Health Nurse - Osteopath - Podiatrist - Dentist 	5 per calendar year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individuals with a “chronic condition” defined as a problem persisting for more than 6 months. - GP needs to write a “plan”. - Parents can also access a separate plan for themselves (e.g. stress, anxiety, depression). 	Good to use for Speech Pathologists and O.T.’s as these aren’t available for rebates on most other plans.
Focussed Psychological Strategies <i>(formerly known as: Better Access to Mental Health)</i>	<p>Individual Sessions: * \$84.80 for psychs. * \$74.80 - \$87.95 for social workers and mental health O.T.’s.</p> <p>Group Sessions: * \$19.00 - \$21.65</p> <p>Rebates are higher for sessions not at practitioner’s office (e.g. client’s home/school/kinder) or for clinical psychologists.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Psychology - Psychiatry - Mental Health O.T. - Social Work 	<p>10 individual sessions per calendar year</p> <p>AND</p> <p>10 group sessions per calendar year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individuals with a mental health concern, e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Depression - Anxiety - Conduct Disorder - Attention Deficit Disorder - Obsessive Compulsive Disorder - Sleep disorders - Referred by GP or paediatrician (Mental Health Care Plan). - Parents can also access a separate plan for themselves (e.g. anxiety, depression). 	Need to make sure that service provider is registered for this initiative as not all are.
Medicare Safety Net	<p>Normal rebates (85% of schedule fee).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Note that the schedule fee does not refer to the fee you are charged by specialist. <p>Once <u>original</u> safety net reached full schedule fee rebated instead of 85% of it.</p> <p>Once <u>extended</u> safety net threshold reached, 80% of gap rebated.</p>	All service providers with a Medicare number.	Unlimited.	<p>1) <u>Original</u> safety net threshold = \$440.80</p> <p>2) <u>Extended</u> safety net threshold:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Family extended safety net threshold if eligible for Family Tax Benefit A = \$638.40 Individual extended threshold with healthcare or concession card = \$638.40 General extended threshold = \$2,000 	<p>Register as a <i>family</i> with Medicare, so that whole family is covered by one threshold (rather than each individual having own threshold).</p> <p>If family not eligible for Family Tax Benefit A, but one family member has a concession or healthcare card, then lower threshold applies to that person only (i.e 80% of gap rebated for them once their medical expenses have reached the threshold). However that person’s out of pocket medical expenses still contribute to family threshold.</p>