

Understanding Medicare Entitlements



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How do I know if my child is eligible for a rebate?

In many cases, Medicare will not cover psychological assessment. Although, it is still worth exploring your child's entitlements prior to the initial testing date.

Your child's eligibility will be at the discretion of your doctor (GP, psychiatrist or paediatrician). You are encouraged to discuss your assessment needs with a medical professional.

What Medicare schemes are available?

There are three main MBS schemes relevant to services provided by Chology:

1. Autism & Disability Services.
2. GP Mental Health Treatment Plan (MHTP).
3. GP Management Plan for patients with a chronic disease and complex care needs.

Do I have to get a referral?

You do not need a referral to have your child assessed by a psychologist. However, if you are intending to claim an assessment under Medicare, you will need a referral from an appropriate medical professional. Referrals must be submitted to Chology BEFORE the initial testing session.

1. Autism & Disability Services

Children under 13 are eligible for FOUR rebated assessment sessions to assist with the diagnosis of autism or another eligible disability. The current rebate on these services is \$87.45 per 50 minute session (estimated total rebate of \$350 on these assessment types).

Referrals must be provided by a paediatrician, psychiatrist, or an eligible specialist physician.

2. Mental Health Treatment Plan (MHTP)

Caregivers of children on a valid MHTP will be able to claim one rebate for the parent training/education/feedback session. The total rebate will vary depending on the duration of this session and the qualification of the consulting psychologist (estimated total rebate between \$62 and \$128).

Referrals must be provided by a paediatrician, psychiatrist or GP. You will need to send us a copy of the referral and MHTP before your rebate can be processed.

3. GP Management Plan

Your GP may provide you with a multidisciplinary (or shared) care plan to help manage your child's complex needs.

Referrals must:

- Be issued by a registered GP and addressed to Chology.
- Confirm that your child has a GP Management Plan (item 721) and Team Care Arrangements (item 723); AND
- Recommend psychological assessment in your child's care plan.