

MEDICARE and SPEECH PATHOLOGY

Clients who have a chronic condition and complex care needs may be eligible for a Medicare rebate of approximately \$250 per year for Speech Pathology.

A chronic condition is one that has been (or is likely to be) present for six months or longer.

Clients have complex care needs if they need ongoing care from a multidisciplinary team consisting of their GP and at least two other health care providers.

To be eligible, clients must see their GP who will complete a **Chronic Disease Management plan** (*previously known as an Enhanced Primary Care Plan*) and an **Allied Health Referral form**.

Clients can then attend up to 5 Speech Pathology sessions per calendar year where they receive a refund from Medicare of approx \$54.00 per session. Please note that if you use any sessions with another therapist (even from another discipline such as Occupational therapy or Chiropractic), these will count towards your total of 5 sessions for the calendar year.

If you think your child may be eligible, speak to your GP today - ask them about making a CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT PLAN for your child; make sure you tell your GP about your child's Speech Pathology needs and also let them know of any other professionals that are involved with your child such as an Audiologist, Education Psychologist, Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist, Paediatrician etc



