

Medicare Funded Appointments

Chronic Disease Management (CPD) / Enhanced Primary Care (EPC)

My GP has provided me with a Medicare plan for OT - what does that mean and what happens next?

- A CDM (formally known as EPC) plan offers up to 5 rebated appointments with an Allied Health Professional each year.
- The Medicare rebate will **partially** cover the cost of the appointments, there will be an out of pocket fee incurred.
- Your GP will have allocated a certain number of these appointments for OT.
- We require a copy of this referral - check with your GP if they will send it to us, or if they want you to send it to us.

What happens when you book OT sessions?

- Email your Medicare plan and reason for referral through to [Little Rockets Children's Clinic](#).
- Our Admin support team will be touch within 7 days to schedule the number of appointments you have been allocated. **We may not need to use all these appointments**, the number of appointments required will be assessed by your therapist.
- The first assessment appointment is 90mins. This includes 60min face to face and 30min for admin, including writing a letter to your GP confirming the findings/goals.
- The second appointment is 60mins. This is a parent session and cannot be charged under the CDM/EPC plan.
- The following appointments (up to 4) are all 75min. This includes 50min face to face and 25min for notes, resources and planning. They can include:
 - School/kinder/child-care observation/environmental assessment
 - Community appointments (therapy occurring at home, school or kinder etc)
 - Clinic appointments
- If a report is required during or at the end of your therapy intervention (e.g. letter for a paediatrician or assessment report), this is an out of pocket expense, you cannot use your Medicare funding for this.

After your Medicare plan has been completed:

- Your therapist will discuss your child's progress, including any need for future therapy.
- We will send a letter to your GP outlining the progress of your child's intervention. This will include any recommendations and the plan moving forward.
- If your child requires further intervention, we can discuss alternative funding sources.
- Your child will be placed on the waiting list for on-going therapy appointments when they become available.