

The Complete advantage

Professional child development and therapy services



General Practitioners Referral Guide

About the Complete Advantage

Children grow and develop at very different rates. In many cases children may be diagnosed with a disability or Global Developmental Delay.

However, a large number of children may not have a diagnosed disability but experience a variety of learning difficulties in movement and motor skills, speech and language, play and social interaction.

The Complete Advantage help improve learning and development for children and families who are unable to receive the benefit of government-funded assistance.

A team of speech pathologists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists and psychologists provide a comprehensive range of private services individually tailored to meet the needs of each child, including:

- **Therapy**
- **Training**
- **Assessment**
- **Advice for families, schools and the community**

The Complete Advantage therapists support children and families in speech and language, comprehension, literacy, stuttering and social skills through to gross and fine motor skills, play skills and sensory development. We focus on each child and families' unique and individual needs to provide learning and developmental support within natural environments.

Our therapy and support services help improve the ability of all children, including those with learning difficulties and children with diagnosed disabilities. Our goal is for all children to participate in family, school and community life and provide the foundations for future learning.

General Practitioners can refer child patients on to our services to help them to reach their full potential. This brochure includes information on eligible services offered, pricing, and medicare rebates.



Children with Autism or any other Pervasive Developmental Disorder

There are three Medicare Benefit Scheme items available for eligible psychologists, speech pathologists and occupational therapists to provide treatment services to eligible children aged under 15 years (and who were aged under 13 years at the time of receiving a Pervasive Developmental Disorder treatment plan) with a Pervasive Developmental Disorder.



Eligible for: Up to 20 allied health treatment services in total per eligible child

Prerequisites for Medicare rebate:

- A referral has been made by a consultant psychiatrist or
- A paediatrician from an eligible psychiatric or
- A paediatric service is managing the child under a PDD treatment plan (item 135 or 289)

Reporting Requirements: On completion of the course of treatment The Complete Advantage will provide a written report to the referring paediatrician.

Written reports will include:

- Treatment provided
- Recommendations on future management of the child's disorder
- Any advice provided to third parties (e.g. parents, schools)

Service	Medicare Item No	Price	Medicare Rebate	Out of Pocket Expense
Two Hour Assessment		\$330	\$70.65	\$259.35
Occupational Therapy	82020			
Speech Pathology	82025			
45 minute Therapy		\$110	\$70.65	\$39.35
Occupational Therapy	82025			
Speech Pathology	82020			
Psychology		\$150	\$50.05	\$99.95
Consultation (per hour)	82015			

Please note: These prices are indicative of a standard assessment and therapy session. Prices may vary according to the individual needs of each client. Prices are valid as of 1 July 2010.

Children who need focused psychological services

Under the Better Access initiative, the Medicare Benefit Scheme provides Medicare benefits for allied health services. The initiative provides better access to Psychiatrists, Psychologists and General Practitioners.

Number of treatments: Up to 12 individual allied mental health services in a calendar year. In addition, the referring GP may consider that in exceptional circumstances the patient may require an additional 6 services above those already provided.

Prerequisites for Medicare rebate:

- A referral made by a GP who is managing the patient under a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan (item 2710)
- A referral has been made by a GP who is managing the patient under a referred psychiatrist assessment and management plan (item 291); or
- A referral has been made by a psychiatrist or paediatrician from an eligible psychiatric or paediatric service

Service Types:

Psycho-education
Relaxation strategies

- Progressive muscle relaxation
- Controlled breathing

Skills training

- Problem solving skills and training
- Anger management
- Social skills training
- Communication training
- Stress management

Parent management training

Reporting Requirements: On completion of the initial course of treatment, The Complete Advantage will provide a written report to the referring GP after the first and last service, or more often if clinically necessary.

Written reports will include:

- Any assessments carried out on the patient
- Any treatment provided; and
- Recommendations on the future management of the patient's disorder.

Service	Medicare Item No	Price	Medicare Rebate	Out of Pocket Expense
Psychology Consultation (per hour)	80110	\$150	\$80.20	\$69.80

Please note: These prices are indicative of a standard therapy session.

Prices may vary according to the individual needs of each client. Prices are valid as of 1 July 2010.

Children who have a chronic condition
and complex care needs

Allied health services are available through Chronic Disease Management Medicare Benefit items for people who have a chronic or terminal medical condition and complex care needs who are being managed by their GP.



Number of Treatments: Up to 5 allied health services per patient per calendar year.

Prerequisites for Medicare rebate: GP Management Plan MBS item 721 (or review item 732) AND Team Care Arrangement MBS item 723 (or review item 732)

Reporting Requirements: The Complete Advantage will provide a written report to the referring GP after the first and last service, or more often if clinically necessary*.

Written reports will include:

- Any investigations, tests, and/or assessments carried out on the patient
- Any treatment provided; and
- Proposed future management as necessary

Service	Medicare Item No	Price	Medicare Rebate	Out of Pocket Expense
Two Hour Assessment		\$330	\$50.05	\$279.95
Occupational Therapy	10958			
Speech Pathology	10970			
Physiotherapy	10960			
45 minute Therapy		\$110	\$50.05	\$59.95
Occupational Therapy	10958			
Speech Pathology	10970			
Physiotherapy	10960			
Psychology		\$150	\$50.05	\$99.95
Consultation (per hour)	10968			

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