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REFERRALS FROM PAEDIATRICIANS: Please attach this page to your referral by fax, post or email.

FAHCSIA EARLY INTERVENTION: HELPING CHILDREN WITH AUTISM & BETTER START FOR KIDS WITH DISABILITIES

For children under 7 years of age who have been diagnosed (before their 6th birthday) with:

- Autistic Disorder
- Asperger's Syndrome
- PDD-NOS
- Rhett's Disorder
- CDD
- Down Syndrome
- Cerebral Palsy
- Fragile X
- Hearing Impairment
- Vision Impairment

FaHCSIA Early Intervention funding can be used to pay for the following services:

- Griffiths Developmental Assessment
- WPPSI-III/WISC-IV Cognitive Assessment
- Behavioural Consultations
- Transition-to-School Plan including visits to preschool and school
- Parent training (i.e. behavioural strategies, using visuals, building social skills) to implement child's treatment plan

HELPING CHILDREN WITH AUTISM MEDICARE INITIATIVE

ASSESSMENT: Clients under 13 years who you suspect may have an autism spectrum disorder (ASD):

(Remember to use an MBS Item between 110-131 on your invoice. We suggest you give **all four** assessment sessions to Psychology for ADOS (1), ADI-R (2) and feedback (1). Speech and OT assessments can be arranged later using the 20 Treatment sessions).

- Number of **Psychology** Sessions (Up to four) for **Autism Assessment** (MBS Item 82000)

TREATMENT: Clients under 15 years with an ASD (Must be under 13 years when get their PDD Treatment Plan MBS Item 135):

(Remember to use MBS item 135 on your invoice. Clients with FaHCSIA Early Intervention funding should use that first as it runs out earlier).

- Number of **Psychology Treatment** Sessions (20 available per child) (MBS Item 82015)

BETTER START FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY MEDICARE INITIATIVE

ASSESSMENT: Clients under 13 years who have been diagnosed with:

- Down Syndrome
- Cerebral Palsy
- Fragile X
- Hearing Impairment
- Vision Impairment

(Remember to use an MBS Item between 104-131 or between 296-370 (except 359) on your invoice. We suggest you give **three assessment sessions to Psychology** for a **Griffiths developmental assessment** (2) and feedback session (1). Other assessments can be arranged later using the 20 Treatment sessions).

- Number of **Psychology** Sessions (Up to four) for **Developmental Assessment** (MBS Item 82000)

TREATMENT: Clients under 15 years (Must be under 13 years when they receive their Disability Treatment Plan MBS Item 137/139)

(Remember to use MBS Item 137 on your invoice. Clients with FaHCSIA Early Intervention funding should use that first as it runs out earlier).

- Number of **Psychology Treatment** Sessions (i.e. behavioral consultations, social skills - MBS Item 82015)

BETTER ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH MEDICARE INITIATIVE

Note: You can make a referral under this Initiative after seeing the client for an eligible Medicare service (Specialist Paediatricians: MBS Items 104-109; Consultant Physician Paediatricians: MBS Items 110-133). Common mental health concerns include:

- Anxiety, including social anxiety and difficulty coping with changes in routine
- Depression
- Adjustment Disorder (i.e. ongoing grief and loss around having a child with a disability)

6-10 Individual Clinical Psychology Sessions plus 6 Group Clinical Psychology Sessions per year can be used for:

- Behavioural Consultations
- Clarification of diagnosis & treatment
- Parent Group programs

CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT MEDICARE INITIATIVE (FORMERLY ENHANCED PRIMARY CARE)

Your client can see their general practitioner (GP) regarding **up to 5 psychology sessions per year** for:

- Behavioural Consultations
- Counselling (Note: Eligible Clients receive higher rebates under Better Access to Mental Health)