

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES

The information on this page is to provide you with some suggestions which may help to reduce the out-of-pocket costs associated with accessing therapy services.

Please understand that we are not agents for any of the organisations listed below, and as such we are unable to assess eligibility or arrange funding for these rebates and allowances. If you have questions regarding your eligibility, please contact the appropriate organisation directly. Alternatively, your GP may be able to offer further information.

Organisation and Program Name	Brief description	Medical referral to speech therapy required?	Enquiries
Medicare - Chronic Disease Management (CDM)	For people who have a chronic condition and complex care needs, a rebate may apply for up to 5 sessions.	Yes - from your GP.	Your GP, or Medicare Tasmania Ph: 1800 005 119
Medicare - Follow-up Allied Health Services for People of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander descent	A rebate may apply for up to 5 sessions when a need for therapy services is identified.	Yes - from your GP.	Your GP, or Medicare Tasmania Ph: 1800 005 119
Private Health Insurance - Extras	Depending upon your level of cover with a private health insurance fund, you may be entitled to a rebate for therapy services.	No.	Your individual private health insurance fund.
Department of Veterans Affairs - Repatriation Health Card	Eligible Veterans may be able to receive therapy services funded by DVA.	Yes - from your GP, Medical Specialist or other allied health provider. D904 referral.	Your GP, or DVA Ph: 133 254
Australian Taxation Office - Net Medical Expenses Tax Offset	A tax offset may be claimable for out-of-pocket medical expenses greater than \$1,500 for the financial year. This includes some therapy services, if referred by your Doctor.	No.	Your Accountant, or Australian Taxation office. Personal Tax enquiries: Ph: 132 861
Centrelink - Disability Support Pension	A person over 16 years of age who is prevented from working more than 15 hours per week because of a physical, intellectual or psychiatric impairment may be able to claim this pension.	No.	Centrelink Ph: 132717
Centrelink - Youth Disability Supplement	A person under 21 years of age who is receiving a Disability Support Pension may also be entitled to this supplement.	No.	Centrelink Ph: 132717
Centrelink - Sickness Allowance	A person over 21 years of age who is temporarily unable to carry out their usual work or study because of illness, injury or disability may be entitled to this allowance.	No.	Centrelink Ph: 132717
Centrelink - Carer Allowance or Carer Payment	A person caring for someone over the age of 16 with a disability, severe medical condition or who is frail-aged may be entitled to a Carer Allowance or Carer Payment.	No.	Centrelink Ph: 132717

The list is not extensive. If you are aware of any rebates or allowances which are not included on this page, please let us know - we'd love to learn of more!!

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