



Medicare Expansion Information for GPs

From 1 March – Expanded Eligibility Under Existing M10 Referral Pathway

Medicare has expanded eligibility under the M10 (Complex Neurodevelopmental Disorder and Eligible Conditions) referral pathway to now include:

- Stuttering
- Speech sound disorders
- Cleft lip and/or palate

These are existing Medicare items with broadened eligibility criteria.

Eligible Patients

Patients must:

- Be under 25 years of age
- Be suspected of, or diagnosed with, an eligible condition
- Have a referral from a GP, consultant physician or specialist

Available Services (Lifetime Allocation)

- Up to 8 assessment services
- Up to 20 treatment services

Sessions are lifetime allocations (do not reset annually) and are shared across eligible allied health providers (not per discipline).

Separate from CDM/EPC items, which patients with these conditions would also commonly access.

Referral & Billing

A treatment and management plan is required for the eligible condition (claimed under the appropriate GP care plan item, such as 139 or telehealth equivalent).

There are no separate GP item numbers for “assessment” versus “treatment” under this pathway.

Allied health providers bill the relevant M10 assessment and treatment items once referral requirements have been met.

Clinical Context

Evidence-based intervention for stuttering and speech sound disorders often involves structured, consistent therapy delivered with repetition and appropriate intensity.

Where clinically indicated, early intervention and delivery aligned with developmental timing may support optimal outcomes.

For more information

A family-friendly explanation of this Medicare pathway is available at:

www.playologyclinic.com.au/medicare-expansion-for-sp

Additional referral information is available via the Referrers Hub on our website. This information sheet is also available for download there.

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