



Medicare Expansion Information for Paediatricians

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 paediatrician, GP, consultant physician or specialist

Available Services (Lifetime Allocation)

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

These sessions are lifetime allocations (do not reset annually) and are shared across eligible allied health providers.

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

Clinical Considerations

Evidence-based intervention for stuttering and speech sound disorders typically involves:

- Structured assessment
- Individualised therapy planning
- Consistent delivery
- High repetition and skill consolidation
- Intervention aligned with developmental timing

The expanded pathway supports delivery of care at clinically appropriate intensity.

Multidisciplinary Context

Where communication differences are contributing to broader developmental, functional or psychosocial impacts, the lifetime allocation may be shared across allied health disciplines as clinically indicated.

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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