

2023 Fee Schedule

Whilst the following fee guide has been set, I recognise the need to be flexible as the needs of each child and family are different. Fees will be discussed with each family prior to receiving services with River Speech and, wherever possible, prior to any billable service occurring.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding fees and billing structure.

All River Speech services are charged at the rates listed below. These are guided by the current NDIS pricing structure (2023-2024).

INITIAL APPOINTMENTS & ASSESSMENT

<i>Standard rate</i>	<i>\$290.99</i>
<i>25% discounted rate for families without funding packages</i>	<i>\$218.24</i>

Inclusions:

- 1 hour assessment (face-to-face)
- Non-contact time: scoring and analysis of assessment; initial liaison with involved service providers; session preparation; record keeping.

The assessment process is dynamic – it attempts to be individualised for each child based on the difficulties they demonstrate, so this may vary the time required for a comprehensive assessment.

** If additional assessment time is warranted, it will be charged as required.*

ASSESSMENT RELATED SUPPORTS

These indirect supports can be provided following the assessment and are charged at the following rates:

<i>Standard rate</i>	<i>\$193.99/hr</i>
<i>25% discounted rate for families without funding packages</i>	<i>\$145.49/hr</i>

Short summary & initial recommendations (no formal program/resources)	30 minutes
Assessment summary & initial program	60 - 90 minutes
Comprehensive report – suitable for educational setting and/or NDIS application	60 – 120 minutes

Parents can decide what they wish to receive as an outcome from the assessment appointment; this can be guided by the Speech Pathologist.

NB: Assessment may need to occur over a number of sessions, so sometimes a report may not be able to be written after the initial session.

THERAPY SESSIONS

<i>Standard rate</i>	<i>\$193.99/hr</i>
<i>25% discounted rate for families without funding packages</i>	<i>\$145.49/hr</i>

Inclusions:

- 30-minute or 45-minute face-to-face session
- 15-minute non-contact time: preparation, record keeping, email session summary

ADDITIONAL SERVICES (INDIRECT SUPPORTS)

<i>Standard rate</i>	<i>\$193.99/hr</i>
<i>25% discounted rate for families without funding packages</i>	<i>\$145.49/hr</i>

- Reports
- Home programs

- NDIS review reports as required by the NDIA for planning meetings
- Support letters (general, NDIS)
- Meeting/s or communication with other professionals involved in your child's care (greater than 15 minutes in length)
- Resource development for home-based activities

Travel fees may apply for any of the direct / face-to-face services - where possible this will be shared between clients.

FUNDING OPTIONS

- **National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)**
The National Disability Insurance Scheme is a government-funded disability support program. River Speech can provide services to NDIS participants if they are self-managed or plan-managed.
- **Private Health Insurance**
Some private health policies entitle you to a rebate for speech pathology services. You are encouraged to discuss eligibility with your insurer.
Families will be required to pay the full session fee and then seek the rebate from their private health fund.
- **Medicare**
A Chronic Disease Management (CDM) Plan is a GP managed plan that provides access to 5 subsidised allied health sessions within a calendar year (this is at a rebated rate).
Families will be required to pay the full session fee and then seek the rebate back from Medicare.