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## FEE INFORMATION

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This information is intended as a guide only. Little Leaps Speech Therapy recognises that each family's needs are different, and we are committed to making speech therapy services accessible to all. Fee's will be discussed with each family prior to receiving services with Little Leaps Speech Therapy and, where possible, before billable services being delivered.

All fees are guided by the current NDIS Pricing structure (2024-2025) and will be updated accordingly. Services are charged according to the hourly rate below.

### Standard Rate

**\$193.99 per hour**

### Sessions

#### *Initial Session:*

- Primarily involves discussion of; requirements for accessing Little Leaps Speech Therapy services, reasons for seeking services, initial plan for services, roles of people involved in child's care (e.g., parents, therapist) and if known or appropriate setting initial goals.
- Typically runs for 45-60 minutes.
- 15 minutes will be included for non-contact time including session preparation, record keeping, follow up and emailing of session summary.

#### *Standardised Assessment Session:*

- The assessment process is dynamic and tailored to the needs of each individual child. Therefore, the requirements and length of administering assessment may change or need to be adapted within the session.
- Assessment will be carried out through formal and subjective assessment methods for the purpose of diagnosis or evidence of difficulty. *(Estimated to take 1-2 hours).*
- Scoring and analysis of assessment, initial liaison with involved service providers and record keeping. *(Estimated to take up to 30 minutes).*

#### *Therapy Session:*

- Therapy sessions involve carrying out a block of ongoing sessions with the child and family to work towards identified goals, following an agreed upon therapy plan.
- Therapy sessions can range from 30 minutes – 60 minutes depending on the need of the child.
- 15 minutes will be included for non-contact time including session preparation, record keeping, follow up and emailing of session summary.



## Indirect Individual Supports

### *Assessment related supports:*

- Short assessment summary and recommendations based on results (no formal program/resources) – 30-45 minutes.
- Assessment summary and goal ideas/activities – 60-90 minutes.
- Comprehensive report – suitable for NDIS reports and/or educational settings 60-120 minutes.
- Home or school program with resources from assessment – 60-120 minutes.

### *Other supports can include:*

- Report writing for transitions, clinical summaries, or support letters.
- Home programs.
- NDIS review reports for plan review meetings.
- Meetings between clinician and caregiver/s to discuss therapy management, goal planning and therapy progress.
- Communication with other professionals involved in your child's care; meetings (e.g. Individual learning plans, team around the child), emails, phone calls exceeding 10 minutes in length.
- Resource development specific to your child for home-based activities.
- Travel time for face-to-face services, where possible this will be split between clients to reduce your cost and will be negotiated with families.

## Funding Options

### *National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)*

The National Disability Insurance Scheme is a government funded scheme providing funding to eligible people with disability to access health and community services to achieve their goals. Little Leaps Speech Therapy can provide services to participants who are plan-managed or self-managed. As mentioned above travel fee may apply to direct services and this cost will be discussed prior to commencing services.

### *Private Health Insurance*

A rebate for speech pathology services is available from some private health insurers. As cover differs between health funds you are encouraged to discuss level of cover with your insurer. Families will be required to pay the full session fee and then seek rebate from their health fund following this.

### *Medicare Plans*

Your GP may issue a Chronic Disease Management Plan (CDMP) to enable you to access 5 subsidised allied health sessions within a calendar year. To access this, you will need to book an appointment with your GP to discuss needs and identify a service provider. Families will be required to pay the full session fee and then seek a rebate through Medicare by lodging your receipt of payment.

### *Full Fee Paying*

You are welcome to pay the full rate privately if you choose to do this.

