

## **BALLARAT SPEECH PATHOLOGY FUNDING OPTIONS 2026**

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### **Funding options**

#### **Private Health Fund**

- Many private health funds provide speech pathology services under their extras cover. Please check with your health fund provider.

#### **Medicare Rebates**

##### **GP Chronic Condition Management Plan**

- Your child may be eligible for a GP Chronic Condition Management Plan (GPCCMP) from your GP
- A GPCCMP reduces the cost of 5 allied health sessions per calendar year by \$61.80. An additional 5 appointments per year are available for people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent.
- To utilize this rebate you must provide a copy of the GPCCMP to Ballarat Speech Pathology prior to your appointment.

##### **Complex Neurodevelopmental Conditions and Other Disabilities funded under Medicare**

If a person is suspected of having or has been diagnosed with an eligible disability they can access certain Medicare benefits. Eligible complex neurodevelopmental conditions and other disabilities include autism, global developmental delay and intellectual disability. Other eligible disabilities also include stuttering, having a speech sound disorder (including an articulation disorder or phonological disorder), childhood apraxia of speech, cleft palate and hearing impairment that results in: o a hearing loss of 40 decibels or greater in the better ear, across 4 frequencies; or permanent conductive hearing loss and auditory neuropathy.

Under this pathway Medicare will subsidise up to eight allied health assessments; 4 of these sessions can be used for speech pathology before additional consultation with the referring clinician is required.

If the child is diagnosed with an eligible disability and treatment services are recommended Medicare will provide benefits for up to 20 allied health treatments. Medicare also provides benefits for medical practitioners and allied health professionals to attend case conferences.

### **NDIS Participants**

- Note that we only support participants who are PLAN managed or SELF Managed
- Your child's NDIS plan must include funding for Capacity Building Support under Improved Daily Living
- A copy of your child's NDIS goals, their NDIS number, their NDIS plan dates and relevant plan manager details (if applicable) must also be provided to Ballarat Speech Pathology prior to your first appointment.