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ENHANCED PRIMARY CARE (EPC) PROGRAM REFERRAL FOR ALLIED HEALTH SERVICES UNDER MEDICARE

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

If your child has a chronic medical condition, such as asthma, recurrent respiratory infections, ADD, ADHD, epilepsy, Autism you may be eligible. Other problems such as recurrent middle ear dysfunction or the presence of a cleft palate and lip may also be considered for this rebate.

You need to show that your child is receiving or about to receive services from at least two allied health professionals, such as a, speech pathologist, audiologist, occupational therapist, optometrist or a psychologist.

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

You need to see your General Practitioner so that he can arrange a Managed Care Plan. This will involve his assessment and the filling in of forms some of which you will need to take along to your allied health provider.

IF YOUR CHILD IS ACCEPTED, WHAT DO YOU RECEIVE?

You will receive a rebate of \$47 for each of 5 sessions with the allied health professional. You can only receive these 5 within a calendar year, that is, from January to December you will receive 5 rebates.

You will need to pay the "gap" yourself.

WHAT DOES YOUR ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL HAVE TO DO?

They need to fill in a rebate form stating date of visit, referring doctor, date of referral and item number. You will need to take this to Medicare to receive the rebate.

IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUERIES CONTACT MEDICARE DIRECT.