



Allied Health Items

A Medicare Rebate is available for allied health services to residents with chronic conditions and complex care needs, where the GP has contributed to or reviewed the Aged Care Home Care Plan & claimed an Item 731.

A maximum of 5 Allied Health services can be claimed per 12 month period

Low Care & High Care: allied health services eligible for a Medicare item are those NOT currently funded by other State or Commonwealth funding, or DVA (except for some exceptions re Aboriginal services). Previously residents will have paid privately for these services.

- ie most services for low care residents are eligible
- ie only services in high care that are required above and beyond funded services are eligible for a Medicare rebate. (Each ACH has a different arrangement re level of allied health services that are offered to residents free of charge, ie these services are paid for by ACH funds & are not eligible for the Medicare rebate.)

Steps

- 1. GP contributes to Care Plan and includes a note re the need for specific Allied Health services.**
- 2. GP claims Item 731 from Medicare Australia (formerly HIC). Note date claimed as CDM referral form cannot be dated earlier than this.**
- 3. GP uses an CDM Program Referral Form to refer the resident to the Allied Health Professional (AHP) & indicates how many services are required. Separate forms are required for each different AHP eg Podiatry 2 services, Physiotherapy 3 services.**
- 4. Ensure AHP has a Medicare Australia provider/registration number**
- 5. AHP will provide a written report to the GP after at least the first & last services**
- 6. Reminder that patient may be eligible for another 5 services in 12 months time.**

Note:

- if the AHP bulk bills or charges only the rebate then the cost of the service is fully covered by Medicare. However, allied health providers may set their own fees which means that the resident will have some out of pocket expenses after claiming the rebate from Medicare.

More information

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mbsprimarycare-chronicdiseasemanagement>; and **Medicare Australia: 132 150**

Which Allied Health Professionals can Medicare rebates be claimed for?

Aboriginal Health Worker Audiologist Chiropractor Chiropodist Diabetes Educator	Dietician Exercise Physiologists (as of Jan 2006) Mental Health Worker Occupational Therapist	Osteopath Physiotherapist Podiatrist Psychologist Speech Pathologist
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