

A photograph of a woman with long brown hair, wearing a white button-down shirt, sitting at a light-colored wooden table. She is smiling and looking towards a man whose back is to the camera. The man is also wearing a white shirt. A laptop is open on the table in front of the woman. The background is a simple office or meeting room setting with a white wall and a tufted chair.

Rebates and Funding for Speech Pathology

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Rebates and funding for Speech Pathology services may be available from:

- National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
- Private Health Insurance
- Medicare with a Chronic Disease Management (CDM) plan

NDIS

If you have a plan-managed NDIS plan, you are able to provide your plan manager details to Discover Speech Pathology and we will bill your plan manager directly and receive payments from them. If you have a self-managed NDIS plan, you will receive an invoice to pay after your child attends each session and you will be issued a receipt after the invoice is paid. You can then enter the information into the NDIS portal yourself. If you require assistance with this, please contact NDIS on 1800 800 110.

Private Health Insurance

Private health insurance funds generally include Speech Pathology in their 'extras' or 'ancillary' cover options. You may be eligible for rebates depending on your level of cover, The amount varies between funds and the type of service claimed. Contact your health fund directly to determine if you are eligible for a rebate. If you are eligible, you will receive an invoice to pay after your child attends each session and you will be issued a receipt after the invoice is paid. You can then provide this information to your private health insurer to claim your rebate.

Medicare with a CDM Plan

Clients may be eligible for rebates for up to five (5) appointments per calendar year, through a Chronic Disease Management (CDM) plan. Your General Practitioner (GP) will need to complete a CDM form before you attend Speech Pathology. CDM plans are provided by GPs when children have *ongoing, complex care needs*. It is at the discretion of your GP whether they issue you a CDM plan.

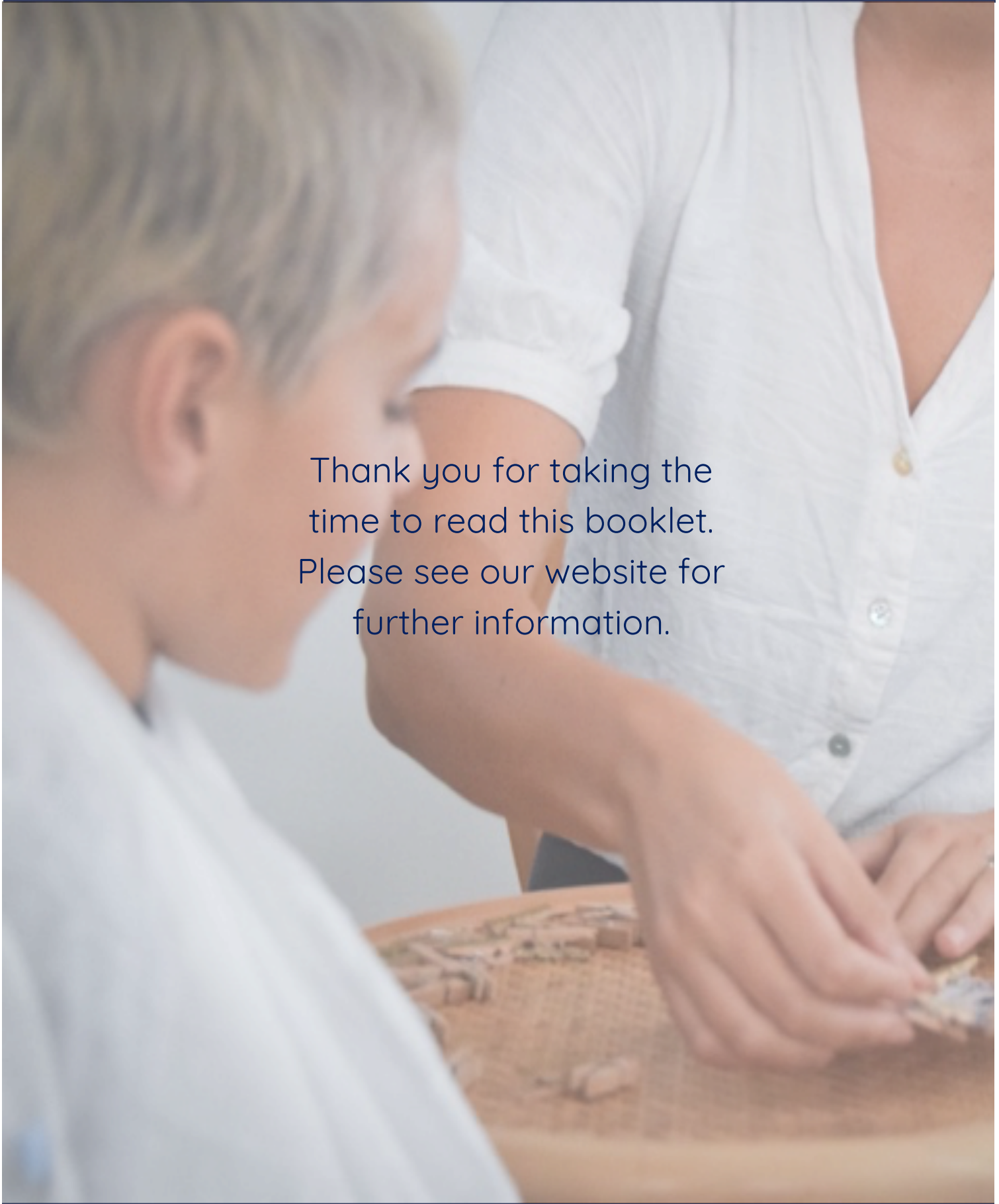
If issued a CDM plan, your GP will make a referral to the speech pathologist using a CDM referral form. Your GP may recommend a local speech pathologist or you can provide them with Discover Speech Pathology's details. You must provide Discover Speech Pathology with a copy of the referral form prior to commencing the initial consultation session.

Clients continue to be eligible for rebates for speech pathology while they are being managed under a CDM plan as long as the need for eligible services continues to be recommended by their GP in their plan.

We do not bulk bill (i.e., only charge the Medicare rebate) for services at Discover Speech Pathology. Our therapy and assessment fees are more than the rebate amount and need to be paid in full prior to making a claim. You will be left with an out-of-pocket expense from each CDM session, however, these expenses will count towards your Medicare safety net.

After providing us with a copy of the referral and paying the full session fee, you will be emailed a receipt with important information required by Medicare to make a claim. You can then provide Medicare with this receipt using the app or visiting your closest Medicare branch. The rebate will be deposited into your nominated bank account. If you require any further assistance with this, please contact Medicare on 1800 633 4227.

This information is current as of May 2022. Discover Speech Pathology is not providing financial advice, but passing on information from government sources and Speech Pathology Australia. All financial decisions are at the discretion of clients and their families.

A photograph showing a woman in a white shirt and a young child in a white shirt sitting at a table. They are engaged in an activity with sand and small objects, possibly a sensory or educational exercise. The woman is leaning over the table, and the child is looking at the objects.

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time to read this booklet.
Please see our website for
further information.