



Funding for adult hearing services

1. Office of Hearing Services voucher scheme

Pensioners and DVA gold and white card (for hearing) holders are eligible for fully subsidised hearing assessments and service appointments and are eligible for either fully or partially subsidised hearing aids and other products.

GP to complete the 'for pensioners' section on the referral form for subsidised services to be delivered.

**No subsidy for Health Care Cards

2. Chronic Disease Management (CDM)

Medicare rebates are available for Chronic (or Terminal) conditions and complex care needs.

A chronic medical condition is one that has been or is likely to be present for at least six months, and determined by the GP to be eligible for the CDM. A patient is considered to have complex needs if they require care from a multidisciplinary team consisting of a GP and at least two other health providers providing different services.

One referral form for each allied health service is required. Maximum of 5 allied health services can be claimed under Medicare.

GP to complete the Lions Hearing Clinic referral form and the 'referral form for chronic disease allied health (individual) services under Medicare' for patients to receive the Medicare rebate.

Medicare item: 10952, rebate \$ 52.95

Hearing assessment cost: \$98 (rebate obtainable from Medicare directly)

3. Diagnostics Audiological Services

Medicare rebates are available for patient's referred for a Hearing assessment by ENT and or Neurologist.

ENT or Neurologist to complete the Lions Hearing Clinic referral form highlighting required services for patients to receive the Medicare rebate. Revaluation requires separate referral.



Medicare Item: 82315, Rebate \$33.45

Hearing assessment cost: \$98 (rebate obtainable from Medicare directly)

4. Private Health Insurance

Patients to contact their private health provider to enquire about rebates for services and devices.

5. Helping children with autism and Better start for children with disability

Please refer to documentation highlighting the eligible disabilities for 'Better start for children with disabilities' funding.

Assessment services: maximum of four allied health services can be claimed under Medicare to assist in the assessment, diagnosis and development of a treatment plan. Referral must be made by psychiatrist, paediatrician, specialist or consult physician or GP. For child to be eligible for these assessments rebates under Medicare needs to have been claimed for Medicare to be aware of eligibility.

Lions does not offer treatment items for children with hearing impairment, referral to Australian Hearing is required.

GP to complete the Lions Hearing Clinic referral form and for patients to receive the Medicare rebate. No specific Medicare form needs to be completed.

Medicare item: 82030, rebate \$ 74.80

Hearing assessment cost: \$98 (rebate obtainable from Medicare directly)