

Overview

Different funding options are available to assist with the costs associated with receiving therapy supports for children. This list is not exhaustive, but is intended to give you an idea of some of the options which may be available to your family to assist with the cost of accessing therapy services for your child. ABi employees will discuss this in more depth with you prior to commencing services.

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

The NDIS is a national program designed to provide long term funding for therapy and other necessary supports for people with disability. Eligibility for funding and the amount of funding an individual receives is determined by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA). ABi is a specialist disability provider and under the NDIS plan is registered to provide under the following categories:

- Improved Daily Living
- Improved Relationships
- Core Supports

Under these categories we are able to provide early intervention services, therapy and behaviour support. For further clarification on how this works with our services please contact us on our number listed below. To access the NDIS or for more information visit the website: www.ndis.gov.au or call on 1800 800 110.

Early Intervention Services – HCWA and Better Start

ABi is an approved provider of Early Intervention Services for children who receive funding through Helping Children with Autism (HCWA) or Better Start for Children with Disabilities (Better Start) Initiative. These programs have been discontinued with participants being transferred to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Medicare Rebates

Some services may be eligible for a Medicare rebate if your child is referred by an appropriate medical practitioner. If you would like to claim a Medicare rebate on any services at ABi, please let us know before commencing any services.

Chronic Disease Management (CDM) & Team Care Arrangements

People with chronic medical conditions and who require care from a team of health professionals may be able to access a Medicare rebate on up to 5 therapy sessions per year.

Helping Children with Autism (HCWA) & Better Start for Children with Disability

Children with a disability may be referred by a medical specialist for therapy services subsidised through Medicare. Children who have been assessed eligible can access a Medicare rebate on up to 20 therapy sessions (lifetime limit). Children may also be eligible for a Medicare rebate on up to 4 sessions for the purposes of diagnostic assessments.

Better Access to Mental Health Care

Children with an assessed mental disorder may be deemed eligible for this program by their medical practitioner. A specific referral is required and a rebate for 10 therapy sessions per calendar year is available. A rebate for 10 group therapy sessions per calendar year is also available. To find out more about this program, speak to your GP, medical specialist or visit: www.health.gov.au

Private Health Insurance

Families with 'extras cover' as part of their private health insurance may be able to claim a rebate on certain services such as speech pathology, occupational therapy and psychology. Please check with your insurer to find out what services may be covered.

Claiming rebates

Medicare and private health insurance rebates generally only cover part of the cost of services. ABi is only able to provide a receipt suitable for claiming private health insurance or Medicare rebates once services have been paid in full. Some services may be eligible for both private health insurance and Medicare rebate; you will need to decide which rebate to claim as you are only able to claim one rebate on any particular service.

Fee for service

ABi offers private services for children and young people. Our schedule of fees is available upon request. All fees associated with private services will be discussed with you before commencing any services. ABi will provide a detailed tax invoice to assist with claiming any rebates you may be eligible to claim for these services.

For more information, please contact us on (02) 9596 7700 or info@abinsw.org.au