

Fees & Rebates

— General Information

New consultations are charged at a rate below recommended AMA fees. All accounts are payable on the day of your consultation.

Medicare rebates apply if your child has a GP referral. GP referrals are valid for 12 months and a new referral is required after 12 months or if attending for a new problem.

Please contact the clinic for further information on Medicare rebates and out-of-pocket fees. A cancellation policy applies for missed appointments or failure to inform of non-attendance.

Please bring all school, Specialist or allied health reports to your appointment. The more information the better.

Feel free to contact the reception team to discuss – we are here to help in any way we can!

Emergency appointments are available. GPs or parents can contact the clinic for consultation at shorter notice, subject to availability.

— Medicare Safety Net

Families or individuals who have reached the Medicare Safety Net threshold will be eligible for additional reimbursement following specialist medical and allied health services.

Find out more: → [Medicare Safety Net Threshold](#)

— Better Access to Mental Health Care Scheme

A Mental Health Plan for your child allows them to receive up to 10 individual and 10 group Medicare-rebatable allied mental health services per calendar year.

Dr Joffe can prepare a plan for therapy to accredited Clinical Psychologists and Occupational Therapists.

— Chronic Disease Management Plan (CDMP) and Team Care Arrangements (TCA)

These GP management plans are initiatives help coordinate complex medical or developmental needs.

Your child's GP can prepare a plan to allow up to 5 Medicare-rebatable allied health services per calendar year.

— Helping Children with Autism Program (HCWA)

Medicare rebates are available for the assessment of Autism if your child fulfils diagnostic criteria and is under the age of 13.

Dr Joffe can refer for a multidisciplinary allied health assessment. Service providers under this initiative include Speech Pathologists, Psychologists and Occupational Therapists.

Medicare provides rebates for 4 allied health assessment sessions per child.

Should a diagnosis be confirmed, Dr Joffe will develop a treatment and management plan and may refer your child for ongoing allied health services.

Medicare provides an additional 20 allied health sessions for Autism Spectrum Disorder in a child's lifetime up to the age of 15.

— Carer's Allowance and Payment

Centrelink offer a non means-tested fortnightly payment for carers of children with certain developmental disabilities.

If recommended, contact [Centrelink](#) or download the application to apply, then bring to your next appointment.

Carer's Payment is an income and asset tested payment for carer's of children with a severe disability.

More information on eligibility available [here](#).

— Health Care Cards

Recipients of Carer's Allowance or Payment can apply for a Health Care Card allowing concessional medications, transport and utilities.

More information: → [Centrelink](#)

— Parking Permits

If your child is diagnosed with a developmental disability with mobility or safety concerns, you may wish to apply for a Disabled Parking Permit from your local council.

— Early Childhood Intervention Services (ECIS)

ECIS is funded through the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) and supports children with a disability or developmental delay from birth to school entry.

Dr Joffe may facilitate referral to these services, provided by Specialist Children's services teams and Early Childhood Intervention agencies.

ECIS provides special education, therapy, counselling, service planning and coordination, assistance and support to access childcare services. There is often a considerable waitlist for ECIS, dependent on your child's needs and urgency.

Additional Flexible Support Packages may be available for extra support during crisis or times of need.

— NDIS and ECEI

All the information you and your family will need regarding the transition to the NDIS funding service for your child.

For all updates and more information, visit:

→ [How ECEI works – Step by step process](#)

→ [Managing your NDIS plan](#)

→ [Autism Spectrum Australia – Help with NDIS](#)