

# Dr Andrew Parkin

## Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist

### Important Information about Appointments and Fees – as from 1 July 2021 (with updated Medicare safety net Jan 2021)

#### Appointments

- An initial appointment is 1½-1¾ hours
- This includes time with the family and individually (as appropriate)
- Both parent(s) / primary carer(s) must attend the appointment
- Additional appointments may be needed to complete the assessment
- Follow-up appointments are typically 45-50 minutes
- Appointments are not bulk billed
- Please bring a Medicare card that has your child's name on it to every appointment

All appointment fees are payable on the day of the appointment.

#### Before the initial appointment

Please provide Dr Parkin with the following documents, at least 2 days prior to the initial appointment:

- Previous clinic letters (e.g. from Paediatrician, Psychologist, Therapist, Social Worker)
- Recent School Reports (ideally the recent two reports)

Please send via the clinic email ([enquiries@southsidehealth.com.au](mailto:enquiries@southsidehealth.com.au)), fax (0295792460), mail (12 The Avenue, Hurstville NSW 2220), or drop in to the clinic (open weekdays and Saturdays).

#### Fee for a standard initial assessment appointment

Total fee payable on the day	\$990.00
Minimum Medicare rebate	\$390.85 (Medicare items 296 and 350)
<b>Out of pocket amount (Gap)</b>	<b>\$599.15 *</b>

#### Follow-up appointment fees (when the referred child attends)

Service Description	Fee payable in full on the day	Medicare Rebate	Out of Pocket (Gap)
45+ mins (item 306)	440.00	164.90	275.10*
75+ mins (item 308)	590.00	191.35	398.65*

*\*Families that have reached the Extended Medicare Safety Net will receive a Medicare rebate of up to 80% of this gap (please see 'Extended Medicare Safety Net' section below)*

#### Appointments for parents, carers, or other people involved

Having separate appointments for parents or carers allows time to discuss issues without the child present. This can be an important aspect of assessment and ongoing management. Dr Parkin recommends 45 minutes for these appointments. Although Medicare provides rebates towards such appointments, there are limitations, which are described on the next page.

Two rebates are available:

**A) Within one month of the child's initial attendance**

A rebate is available for someone other than the referred patient (e.g. parents, carers or other people involved) to attend appointments of 45 minutes or more (Medicare item 350) as part of the assessment.

**B) One month or more after the child's initial attendance, limited to 4 appointments in any one year**

A rebate is available for someone other than the referred patient for ongoing management (Medicare item 352) for 20+ minutes. In order to extend this to 45+ minutes, there is an additional private fee of \$120.00, which unfortunately does not count towards the gap calculation for the Extended Medicare Safety Net.

Service Description for parent / carer appointments (not attended by the referred child)	Fee	Medicare Rebate	Out of Pocket
45+ mins within one month of the initial appointment (item 350)	440.00	157.10	282.90* (gap)
45+ mins one month after the initial appointment (item 352, which is 20+ minutes, plus fee for remaining appointment time of 25+ minutes)	320.00 + 120.00 = 440.00	113.80  0	206.20* (gap) + 120.00 (private fee)  = 326.20

*\* Families that have reached the Extended Medicare Safety Net will receive a Medicare rebate of up to 80% of this gap (please see below)*

### Extended Medicare Safety Net

You may be eligible to apply for the Extended Medicare Safety Net. This exists to protect families from large medical bills. Once a family has reached the safety net threshold (i.e. total medical expenses for all family members combined), currently set at \$2,184.30, or \$697.00 for Concession cardholders and families eligible for FTB Part A, Medicare may refund 80% of the gap costs for the remainder of the calendar year. This resets on 1 January each year.

Please phone 132 011 or visit [www.medicare.gov.au](http://www.medicare.gov.au) for further information, or click on the direct link from the "About My Fee Information" page at [www.openskiespsychiatry.com.au](http://www.openskiespsychiatry.com.au).

### Missed or cancelled appointments

Cancelled or missed appointments incur the following fees (**Note: Medicare does not provide a rebate for cancellation fees**):

Duration of booked appointment	1½ hours	45 mins
Cancelled with less than one working day's notice	250.00	125.00
No show (did not attend scheduled appointment)	370.00	185.00

## Case conferences

Fees for case conferences may vary depending on location and composition of the case conference. The standard fee is \$440.00 for a 45-minute conference, with one of a range of Medicare rebates possibly available, depending on the type of case conference. Medicare rebate requirements include attendance by other formal care providers of at least two different disciplines (e.g. teaching and psychology). Any additional meeting time over the 45 minutes will be charged at \$80 per 15 minutes, for which no Medicare rebate is available. Travel costs if relevant (see below) will also be charged. Further details can be provided on request.

## Online Medicare Claiming

For your convenience, we can transmit your Medicare claim instantly, and Medicare will provide the rebate directly to the bank account that you have registered with Medicare.

## Services provided outside of appointment times

The following services will attract additional fees, for which no Medicare rebate is available and which are payable within 10 working days of the receipt of invoice.

### Provision of prescription\*

Posted to home address or collected from reception	\$60
Faxed and posted to pharmacy (additional details required)	\$85

*\*Please note that GPs can provide repeat prescriptions except in the case of stimulant medication.*

### Additional clinical and non-clinical administration

As part of providing a comprehensive clinical service, Dr Parkin will prepare a detailed initial assessment letter to the referring doctor, a copy of which will be provided to the parents and, with consent, healthcare professionals involved. Progress letters will also be sent to the referring doctor and other parties from time to time. The cost of this service is included in the above session fees.

**Other additional clinical and non-clinical administration not included in the session fees** will be charged at \$90 + GST (if payable) per 15 minutes, for which no Medicare rebate is available. Services that are not directly related to medical treatment provided (e.g. provision of letters to third parties other than healthcare providers, completion of claim forms, completion of NESA medical forms) will additionally incur GST.

Administration fees will be billed for:

- Review of detailed reports (except brief reports as part of assessment)
- Preparation of letters or completion of forms (except routine clinic letters)
- Extended telephone / email contact with family members or professionals

### Travel

Meetings at a site other than the clinic may be provided if there is a clinical indication, though home visits are not undertaken. Travel will incur the following charges:

Distance:	72c/km (ATO rate from July 2020)
Plus time:	\$45 per 15 minutes

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