

BETTER ACCESS TO SERVICES

CHANGES TO MEDICARE

The Government has introduced new Medicare items under the program Better Access to Mental Health Care. This is wonderful news for those of you wanting to access counselling through Eden Therapy Services.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR OUR COUNSELLING

Eden Therapy Services already provides assistance for people trying to get counselling through our Victims Compensation Tribunal status.

Now, we can offer even more supported services through the new Medicare items. Eden Therapy Services has two of its counselors registered with Medicare already to provide claimable services to clients. A third counselor with Eden Therapy Services is in the accreditation process.

HOW TO ACCESS “FOCUSED PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES”

When you next visit your GP ask for a referral to have “focused psychological services” under the Better Access to Mental Health Care plan. Your GP is also paid by Medicare for this service. Once your GP has referred you to Eden Therapy Services the next time you visit you can take your receipt down to your local Medicare office and claim your rebate. Rebates depend on the item number but can be from \$55 to \$66 per session. The number of sessions you can rebate depends on your needs, your item number you are referred under and your health plan.

FIND OUT MORE

To find out more just visit the government website www.hic.gov.au , you can also email any enquiries you have straight to Eden Therapy Services and ask for a brochure or call us and talk to Amanda Teale our office manager.

We will keep you updated on how others are finding using the new Medicare items in future media releases. Always remember when seeking counselling services ask the counselor their training and credentials and also ask them if they are registered with Medicare so you can claim your counselling work.

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