



INFORMATION SHEET: GP MANAGEMENT PLANS TEAM CARE ARRANGEMENTS/ALLIED/HEALTH/MEDICARE REFERRALS.

Wodonga Podiatry is committed to providing the highest quality podiatry service to you as part of a management plan in conjunction with your GP and other allied health providers. Our podiatry staff are very experienced in managing complex foot issues and will ensure you are provided with thorough assessment, and appropriate management of your foot care needs. Your initial assessment may take 40 minutes to ensure that your needs are fully understood and met. At times we may seek further assessment and clarification from members of the Team Care Arrangement. To help us provide the appropriate care we will seek information in regards to your general health status.

What is a GP Management Plan (GPMP)?

Basically a GP management plan is a set of agreed objectives and goals that focus on assisting you to manage your medical condition better. Not everyone is eligible for a management plan, and your GP will review your status. Your medical condition has to be regarded as chronic and it must have already been present for 6 months or longer. As part of your management plan, your GP may identify other services or Health Care Providers that are needed to provide the best care for you

What is a Team Care Arrangement?

If your GP identifies other health professionals that may be needed in your management plan, your GP will gain consent and they will be contacted to confirm involvement. In your case your GP has identified that podiatry will be a valuable service for you, and your GP has contacted Wodonga Podiatry to provide this service. Depending on your needs, **you may be eligible for up to 5 visits per calendar year.**

How do I make an appointment?

With your consent, your GP has sent us a copy of your Management Plan, and an invitation to participate in providing you with podiatry services under a Team Care Arrangement. When you are ready to make an appointment, simply call us on (02) 60 565 188 and state which type of referral you have so we can make the correct booking.

Are there Medicare rebates?

If you have an **Allied Health Medicare Referral (AHMR)** from your doctor you will receive a rebate from Medicare towards the cost of the Podiatry visit; however the rebate does not cover the total cost of your consultation. **Medicare will provide you with \$53.80 towards your consultation.** The Medicare rebate is only payable towards the cost of the consultation and does not cover any additional costs that may arise such as creams, orthotics or other consumables. If there are any additional costs your treating podiatrist will discuss this with you at the time.

How do I pay for the podiatry visit?

The rules have changed regarding how Allied Health Services can bill you. **Allied Health providers can no longer accept the "Gap payment". This means that you will be required to pay the total cost of the service at the end of the appointment.** You can pay for the service in a variety of ways such as cash, credit, eftpos or cheque. Once you have paid Wodonga Podiatry for the service, we will lodge the claim directly with Medicare on your behalf. Before the Medicare rebate is claimed your **initial assessment on a new referral will cost \$90 and review consultations \$80.**

How do I get my claim for Medicare?

If you are registered with Medicare, and have provided them with your bank account details, then your rebate will be put directly into your bank account, within 48 hours. If you have not provided your bank account details to Medicare, you will need to register to obtain your rebate. We cannot do this for you.