

AUTISM (ASD) ASSESSMENT FEE INFORMATION (2021):

Fee information during the COVID-19 pandemic

(Note: Fees remain the same, only procedures have been altered, including removing offsite visits to educational facilities; subject to change based on level of COVID-19 restrictions)

Full ASD Assessment

Our comprehensive clinic-based autism spectrum disorder (ASD) assessment is completed using the 'gold standard' in ASD assessment tools: the Autism Diagnostic Interview, Revised (ADI-R; parents) and the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS-2; child).

The clinic-based assessment is completed over three sessions, with the ADI-R and Feedback session currently taking place via telehealth and the ADOS-2 conducted in the clinic. Fees include the test forms, administration, scoring, and a report. In order to claim a Medicare rebate, a valid referral from a paediatrician is required. Please note that you can only claim a rebate for the number of sessions assigned on your child's paediatric referral.

Option 1: Three or four sessions referred by paediatrician:

Session	Assessment	Session length	Cost	Rebate ¹
1	ADOS-2	70 minutes	\$520	\$86.15 - \$257.23
2	ADI-R	90 minutes	\$520	\$86.15 - \$345.23
3	Feedback	45 minutes	\$245	\$86.15 - \$205.23

Option 2: Two sessions referred by paediatrician:

Session	Assessment	Session length	Cost	Rebate ¹
1	ADOS-2	70 minutes	\$520	\$86.15 - \$408.96
2	ADI-R	90 minutes	\$520	\$86.15 - \$408.96
	Feedback	45 minutes	\$245	Additional referral required

Please note that Medicare will pay a rebate of \$86.15. Once you have reached your Medicare Safety Net, Medicare will pay a rebate of "80% of out-of-pocket costs or the EMSN benefit cap". If the "EMSN benefit cap" applies, the maximum rebate per session is capped at \$304.05. Please check your eligible rebate with Medicare.

Where offsite visits cannot be conducted, if a diagnostic decision cannot be made following the clinic-based assessment, a telehealth consultation will be arranged with an appropriate educator or other professional. The fees associated with this will included in the Feedback session fee; time spent will be charge at \$175 per 30-minute block, or part thereof.

ADOS-2 Assessment

If your child's paediatrician refers for an ADOS-2 assessment only, this is completed over two sessions, the first via telehealth, and the second in the clinic:

Session	Assessment	Session length	Cost	Rebate#
1	Parent interview	45 minutes	\$315	\$86.15 - \$261.23
2	ADOS-2	70 minutes	\$420	\$86.15 - \$341.23

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The Medicare Safety Net thresholds* are below for your information:

	Threshold Amount	Who is it for?
Extended Concessional and FTB Part A	\$692.20	Concession cardholders and families eligible for FTB Part A
Extended General	\$2169.20	All Medicare cardholders

*Correct at the time of writing, see:

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/medicare/medicare-safety-nets/what-are-thresholds> for the most up-to-date information

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Payments

Payments are required on the day via cash or card for clinic sessions. Please note that credit transactions incur a 2.2% surcharge that cannot be claimed through Medicare.

You will be invoiced for telehealth sessions, with payment required via direct debit into the following account:

Bank: Bendigo Bank

BSB 633 000

Account # 134537349

Account name: TLC Psychology Pty Ltd

Please use your child's initials and the date of service as the reference number and notify Dr Schelleman (via email or SMS) when the payment has been made.

Please note that payments are not accepted from third parties.

All fees not paid on the day will incur a 10% surcharge.

Please note that reports will not be released until all payments are up to date.

Cancellations

Cancellation fees apply for all cancelled (or non-attended) appointments:

- 0-24 hours notice: FULL fee
- 24-48 hours notice: 50% of fee
- 48 hours-7 days notice: 25% of fee

Cancellation fees will be waived if your appointment time is used by another family, or if your session can be rescheduled; please provide as much notice as possible so that we can help you to avoid cancellation fees.

Please contact Dr Mickaela Schelleman via email if you have any further questions at mickaela@tlcpsychology.com.au