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Fees, Rebates and Cancellation Policy 2012

Australian Psychological Society (APS) Recommended Fee

This fee is set and recommended by the APS and currently it is \$218.00 for a 60 minute consultation.

Agreed Payable Fee

This fee relates to what the psychologist and you have agreed to pay for the service, prior to the service.

From 1 January 2012, a one hour (usually around 55 minutes) psychological service with Charles Thermos is:

- \$145.00 for individuals (\$73.00 less than the APS Recommended Fee);
- \$160.00 for couples / groups (\$58.00 less than the APS Recommended Fee).

Subsequent consultations attract the same fee. Fees can be paid by cheque or cash at the end of the session on the appointment day.

Medicare Item Numbers and Rebates

From 1 November 2006 new Medicare rebates became available for eligible clients with a mental disorder to receive individual and/or group allied mental health services per calendar year.

From 1 November 2011 these are provided in two sets:

- an initial series of six services with a review by the referring practitioner after these services
- up to a further four services if these are required.

A client can have up to a maximum of ten individual and ten group services per calendar year.

Rebates for these services are available to clients who have been referred by a medical practitioner managing the client under a GP Mental Health Care Plan (MHCP), or on referral by a psychiatrist or paediatrician.

In order to receive a Medicare rebate for these services, clients will require a receipt with the relevant Item Number for the service. This will be provided by your psychologist. Charles Thermos is a registered provider of psychological services with Medicare.

Private Health Funds and Rebates

Charles Thermos is a registered provider of psychological services with the major private health funds, and with the Victorian WorkCover Authority and the Transport Accident Commission (TAC).

If you do have private health insurance, you may be eligible for a rebate, depending on your level of cover. Please contact your health fund for further information.

A client referred through a Mental Health Care Plan cannot claim a Medicare rebate and a rebate from their private health insurance.

Cancellation / Rescheduling Policy and Fees

- 0 - 48 hours notice..... Full Agreed Payable Fee
- 48 – 96 hours notice..... 50% of Agreed Payable Fee

If your cancelled or rescheduled appointment can be offered to another client prior to your scheduled appointment time, the above fees will not apply.

In 'Medical Emergencies', the fee may not apply if you provide written evidence from your medical practitioner that you were unable to attend due to a medical emergency.

Please discuss any queries / concerns about Professional Fees, Rebates and the Cancellation / Rescheduling Policy with Charles Thermos.