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Accredited Practising Dietitian

Subject: Request for Referral under Chronic Disease Management Plan

Dear referring GP,

Your patient has approached our dietitian to help them with dietary interventions. We have explained them the option of receiving Medicare rebates through the Chronic Disease Management (CDM) plan. We have also advised them to discuss this with you to assess if they are eligible for the same.

If your patient is eligible, the items which will need to be prepared and lodged with Medicare are

- GP Management Plan (item 721)
- Team Care Arrangement (item 723)
- Referral form for the relevant Allied Health Service under Medicare for those with chronic medical condition and complex needs.

Once the paperwork is ready and lodged, you can send the referral by any of the above pathways.

Please be aware that the current Medicare rebate for each dietetic consult is \$52.95 and the CDM plan allows up to 5 visits per 12-month period. This rebate does not cover the full cost of our dietitian's consultation fees and so there will be an out-of-pocket expense.

If you have any questions regarding the referral request, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Healthy Regards
Children's Health Hub