

Instructions for completing form

Our referral form has been designed to meet Medicare's requirements for valid referrals.

Patients will not be able to claim Medicare rebates unless they present us with a valid referral.

It is unlawful for a referral to be corrected by a person other than the referrer. A referral cannot be corrected retrospectively. Legally we therefore have no option but to contact your rooms to seek a replacement for an invalid referral.

CHECKLIST FOR VALID REFERRALS:

1. You must name us as a specific Psychologist when referring for a consultation. (Requests for tests can be addressed to a specific psychologist or 'Dear Psych' or Dear 'ALS' etc).
2. You must identify yourself by name and also by provider number or address.
3. You must also sign and date the referral.

PERIOD OF REFERRAL

If you do not specify the period of the referral Medicare deems it to be 12 months for GPs and for specialists/psychiatrists.

If as a GP you wish to make an indefinite referral, please use the word 'indefinite' to convey this. This will avoid your staff being contacted for new referrals when we are not sure of your intentions. While phrases such as "ongoing care" or "continuing care" are recognized as indefinite referrals, it is not always this easy to interpret the GP's intention.

Referral forms can be downloaded from our website at
www.learningsolutions.net.au