

ATAPS process chart

Diagnosis	Qualifying Criteria	Referral Options	Counselling sessions
<p>Tier 1 All mental health Disorders including depression/anxiety</p>	<p>Low income earners, health care card holders or full/part pensioners OR Under the age of 25 yrs OR CALD patients (culturally and linguistically diverse)</p>	<p>Access to ATAPS providers with the written consent form the patient. Use Referral Notification Form and fax to BGNP. GP must use an Allied Health provider listed in the AHP directory NO GAP Payment to patient</p>	<p>Six initial sessions and at GPs discretion an additional six sessions in a calendar year. In exceptional circumstances another six sessions may be completed</p>
<p>Tier 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women with peri-natal depression • Children with mental disorders (12yrs or younger) • Individuals who have attempted suicide or self-harm or at high risk of suicide 	<p>Referral options as above NO GAP Payment</p> <p>Referral options as above, however can also include family based therapy involving parents or whole family. NO GAP Payment</p> <p>Referral options as above however in addition, referral may take place to ATAPS provider from Accident & Emergency Dept of hospital before GP assessment taken place. NO GAP Payment</p>	<p>Six initial sessions and at GPs discretion an additional six sessions in a calendar year. In exceptional circumstances another six sessions may be completed.</p> <p>Counselling may exceed normal number of ATAPS services for up to six weeks following episode of self-harm or attempt.</p>

Should your patient not qualify for the ATAPS program, they have the option to use Better Access to Mental Health Care through Medicare. There will usually be a gap payment charged to the patient.