

1.4 Referral Pathways for Patients with a Severe Mental Health Disorder

(but not requiring immediate hospitalisation)

Name of Service or Initiative	What is provided?	Who is eligible?	How to refer	Cost to patient	Who provides the service?	GP item numbers
<p><u>Mental Health Services Helpline</u></p> <p>See Section 6 for further information.</p>	Response varies with need and will be determined by the Helpline Mental Health clinicians.	Anyone with Mental Health issues	<p>Call Helpline all hours 1800 332 388 or faxed referral to 6236 5788</p> <p>Medical Director and Best Practice referral templates are available at www.gpsouth.com.au/infom.html#mh</p>	<p>No charge</p> <p>(Funded by the Department of Health and Human Services)</p>	<p>Community Adult Mental Health Teams</p> <p>Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service</p> <p>Older Persons Mental Health Service</p>	<p>As appropriate standard consultation item. MBS items 23, 36, 44</p> <p>Also consider GP Mental Health Consultation MBS 2713</p>
<p><u>Private Psychiatry</u></p> <p>See Section 7 for further information.</p>			<p>Normal referral</p> <p>Request for assessment and management plan - 291 and review 293</p>	<p>Varies.</p> <p>Medicare rebate.</p> <p>Gap payments may apply.</p>	<p>Private psychiatrists</p>	<p>As appropriate standard consultation item. MBS items 23, 36, 44</p> <p>Also consider GP Mental Health Consultation MBS 2713</p>