# A FELLA'S GUIDE TO: MENTAL HEALTH CARE PLANS



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# WHAT IS A MENTAL HEALTH CARE PLAN?

A Mental Health Care Plan is a simple way to get access to professional help when you're struggling with your mental health. It's a written plan from your GP (family doctor) that outlines the support and services you can use to feel better.

## **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

#### • Make a GP Appointment:

Book an appointment with your GP and let them know you want to talk about your mental health.

#### • Have an Honest Chat:

Your GP will ask questions about how you're feeling, what's been happening, and what kind of support you might need.

## • Create a Plan Together:

Your GP will work with you to make a Mental Health Care Plan, which could include referrals to professionals and strategies to improve your mental health.

### • Get Subsidized Sessions:

With the plan, Medicare covers part of the cost for up to 10 sessions a year with a mental health professional.



## **HOW TO GET STARTED**

- 1.Call your GP and book a longer appointment (tell them it's for a Mental Health Care Plan).
- 2. Write down a few notes about how you've been feeling to help explain it during the appointment.
- 3. Bring your Medicare card to the appointment.

You wouldn't ignore a broken leg, so don't ignore your mental health.

A Mental Health Care Plan is just a tool to help you get back on track.

Take the first step today—you deserve to feel good.