

MBS quick guide to COVID-19 items

Current as at February 2023

Vaccine sustainability assessment services	Items for VR GPs	Rebate paid at 85% of schedule fee
Suitability assessment services		
Practice located in MMM 1, in hours consultation	93644	\$35.10
Practice located in MMM 1, after hours consultation	93653	\$47.60
Practice located in MMM 2-7, in hours consultation	93645	\$38.50
Practice located in MMM 2-7, after hours consultation	93654	\$50.95
Assessment outside of practice on behalf of GP		
Practice located in MMM 1	93660	\$21.35
Practice located in MMM 2-7	93661	\$24.40
Other vaccine services, for co-claiming with vaccine suitability assessment items		
In-depth assessment (billable ONCE ONLY)	10660	\$39.70
Flag-fall service for first patient seen at RACF, care home or home visit	90005	\$118.15

MMM = Modified Monash Model Area. Must be bulk billed. Rebates include bulk-billing incentives. Patients must be Medicare eligible and aged ≥ 18. Phase 1B vaccine eligible patients include: aged ≥ 70, health care workers, Indigenous aged ≥ 55, underlying medical condition/disability, critical and high risk workers. Can be billed if patient assessed as ineligible. May be completed in practice, home, or RACF, if vaccine is immediately available. May be co-claimed with unrelated, essential regular attendance items.

From February 1 2023, the first dose vaccine assessment items have been removed, and the pre-existing item numbers for second and subsequent vaccine assessments are applicable for all doses. The booster incentive item has been scrapped, and the schedule fees for vaccine suitability assessment services have increased. The flag-fall fees for assessments performed in residential care facilities or home visits have also been boosted.

Service	COVID-19 telephone items*	Rebate paid at 100% of schedule fee
Short consultation < 6 minutes	91890	\$18.20
Longer consultation ≥ 6 minutes	91891	\$39.75
Consultation > 20 minutes, to assess COVID antiviral eligibility	93716	\$76.95

Service	Existing items face to face	COVID-19 telehealth items*	COVID-19 telephone items*	Rebate paid at 100% of schedule fee
Attendance for an obvious problem	3	91790		\$18.20
Attendance < 20 minutes	23	91800		\$39.75
Attendance 20-39 minutes	36	91801		\$76.95
Attendance ≥ 40 minutes	44	91802		\$113.30
Chronic disease management				
GP management plan (GPMP)	721	92024		\$152.50
Team care arrangement (TCA)	723	92025		\$120.85
Review of GPMP/TCA	732	92028		\$76.15
Contribution for review of multidisciplinary care plan, non-RACF residents	729	92026		\$74.40
Contribution for review of multidisciplinary care plan, for RACF residents	731	92027		\$74.40

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Mental health				
GP without mental health training, prepare a mental health treatment plan (MHCP), 20-39 minutes	2700	92112		\$75.80
GP without mental health training, prepare a MHCP, ≥ 40 minutes	2701	92113		\$111.60
GP with mental health training, prepare a MHCP, 20-39 minutes	2715	92116		\$96.25
GP with mental health training, prepare a MHCP, ≥ 40 minutes	2717	92117		\$141.80
Review of MHCP	2712	92114	92126	\$75.80
GP mental health consult ≥ 20 minutes	2713	92115	92127	\$75.80
Focused psychological strategies of 30 to 39 minutes	2721	91818	91842	\$98.05
Focused psychological strategies ≥ 40 minutes	2725	91819	91843	\$140.30

Service	Existing items face to face	COVID-19 telehealth items*	COVID-19 telephone items*	Rebate paid at 85% of schedule fee
Urgent after hours				
GP urgent unsociable after hours (between 11pm and 7am)	599	92210		\$161.75
Health assessments				
Indigenous health assessment	715	92004		\$224.40
GP early intervention services for children with autism, pervasive developmental disorder or disability	139	92142		\$142.20
RACF mental health				
GP without mental health training, prepare a MHCP, 20-39minutes	93400	93404		\$75.80
GP without mental health training, prepare a MHCP, ≥ 40minutes	93401	93405		\$111.60
GP with mental health training, prepare a MHCP, 20-39 minutes	93402	93406		\$96.25
GP with mental health training, prepare a MHCP, ≥ 40minutes	93403	93407		\$141.80
Review of GP mental health plan	93421	93422	93423	\$75.80
Aged care flag fall item (90001) can be claimed for the first resident attended for face to face mental health items.				
Eating disorder management				
GP without mental health training, prepare an eating disorder treatment and management plan, 20 to 39 minutes	90250	92146		\$75.80
GP without mental health training, prepare an eating disorder treatment and management plan, ≥ 40 minutes	90251	92147		\$111.60
GP with mental health training, prepare an eating disorder treatment and management plan, 20 to 39 minutes	90252	92148		\$96.25
GP with mental health training, prepare an eating disorder treatment and management plan, ≥ 40 minutes	90253	92149		\$141.80
GP review of eating disorder plan	90264	92170	92176	\$75.80

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Eating disorder management				
Focused psychological strategies for eating disorder, 30 to 39 minutes	90271	92182	92194	\$98.05
Focused psychological strategies for eating disorder, ≥ 40 minutes	90273	92184	92196	\$140.30
Women's health				
GP pregnancy support item, ≥ 20 minutes, for appropriately credentialled GPs	4001	92136	92138	\$81.00
Routine antenatal attendance	16500	91853	91858	\$42.40
Nicotine and Smoking Cessation Counselling				
Consultation <20 minutes	93680	93690	93700	\$39.75
Consultation ≥20 minutes	93683	93693	93703	\$76.95
Blood Borne Virus, Sexual or Reproductive Health Check				
Consultation < 5 minutes		92715	92731	\$18.20
Consultation 5-20 minutes		92718	92734	\$39.75
Consultation 21-40 minutes		92721	92737	\$76.95
Consultation ≥ 40 minutes		92724	92740	\$113.30

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Important note: Cessation of services from 1 January 2023

As Australia moves into the next phase of living with the COVID-19 virus, further changes to the MBS will occur from 1 January 2023, this includes:

Additional Better Access item changes to remove the additional 10 mental health support services from 1 January 2023. From 2020, 10 additional Medicare-subsidised psychological therapy sessions were made available to eligible people whose mental health was adversely impacted by COVID-19. These services were in addition to the initial 10 Better Access treatment services under the existing Better Access to Psychiatrists, Psychologists, and General Practitioners through the MBS (Better Access) initiative. From 1 January 2023, these additional mental health support services will cease. Eligible people will still be able to access 10 Medicare-subsidised psychological therapy sessions.

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