

# Quick Guide: COVID-19 Bulk Billed MBS Telehealth Services

## Nursing & Allied Health

**Fact Sheet**  
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From 13 March 2020 to 30 September 2020 (inclusive), new MBS telehealth items are available for telehealth and phone services, as part of the COVID-19 response.

The temporary COVID-19 services must be **bulk billed** for Commonwealth concession card holders, children under 16 years of age, and patients who are more vulnerable to COVID-19. This includes a patient who:

- is required to self-isolate or self-quarantine in accordance with guidance issued by the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee in relation to COVID-19; or
- is at least 70 years old; or
- if the person identifies as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent—is at least 50 years old; or
- is pregnant; or
- is the parent of a child aged under 12 months; or
- is being treated for a chronic health condition; or
- is immune compromised; or
- meets the current national triage protocol criteria for suspected COVID-19 infection.

### Nurse Practitioners

Service	Existing Items face to face	COVID-19 Telehealth	COVID-19 Telephone items
<b>Standard Consultations</b>			
Attendance for an obvious problem	82200	91192	91193
Attendance less than 20 minutes	82205	91178	91189
Attendance at least 20 minutes	82210	91179	91190
Attendance at least 40 minutes	82215	91180	91191

### Midwives

Service	Existing Items face to face	COVID-19 Telehealth	COVID-19 Telephone items
<b>Antenatal attendances</b>			
Short antenatal attendance lasting up to 40 minutes	82105	91211	91218
Long antenatal attendance lasting at least 40 minutes	82110	91212	91219
Short postnatal attendance lasting up to 40 minutes	82130	91214	91221
Long postnatal attendance lasting at least 40 minutes	82135	91215	91222

Source: [www.mbsonline.gov.au](http://www.mbsonline.gov.au) (Mar 2020) – refer to source for full item details including eligibility & restrictions.

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<b>Obstetric attendances</b>			
Antenatal Service provided by a Nurse, Midwife or an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner on behalf of, and under the supervision of, a medical practitioner	16400	91850	91855
Postnatal attendance by an obstetrician or GP	16407	91851	91856
Postnatal attendance by:  (i) a midwife (on behalf of and under the supervision of the medical practitioner who attended the birth); or  (ii) an obstetrician; or  (iii) a general practitioner	16408	91852	91857
Antenatal attendance	16500	91853	91858

#### Eligible Allied Health Practitioners

Service	Existing Items face to face	COVID-19 Telehealth	COVID-19 Telephone items
<b>Indigenous chronic disease management</b>			
ATSI health worker CDM service (all 13 items)	10950, 10951, 10952, 10953, 10954, 10956, 10958, 10960, 10962, 10964, 10966, 10968, 10970	93000	93013
<b>Indigenous health check</b>			
ATSI health worker, person who has Indigenous health check, at least 20 minutes	81300, 81305, 81310, 81315, 81320, 81325, 81330, 81335, 81340, 81345, 81350, 81355, 81360	93048	93061

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Autism management			
Psychology, early intervention services for children with autism, pervasive developmental disorder or disability, under 13 years	82000	93032	93040
Speech pathology or Occupational therapy, early intervention services for children with autism, pervasive developmental disorder or disability, under 13 years	82005 82010	93033	93041
Psychology, early intervention services for children with autism, pervasive developmental disorder or disability, under 15 years	82015	93035	93043
Speech pathology, Occupational therapy, Audiology, Optometry, Orthoptic or Physiotherapy early intervention services for children with autism, pervasive developmental disorder or disability, under 15 years	82020, 82025, 82030, 82035	93036	93044
Eating Disorder Management			
Dietetics, eating disorders service, at least 20 minutes	82350	93074	93108
Clinical psychologist, eating disorders service, 30 to 50 minutes	82352	93076	93110
Clinical psychologist, eating disorders service, at least 50 minutes	82355	93079	93113
Psychologist, eating disorders service, 20 to 50 minutes	82360	93084	93118
Psychologist, eating disorders service, at least 50 minutes	82363	93087	93121
Occupational therapist, eating disorders service, 20 to 50 minutes	82368	93092	93126
Occupational therapist, eating disorders service, at least 50 minutes	82371	93095	93129
Social worker, eating disorders service, 20 to 50 minutes	82376	93100	93134
Social worker, eating disorders service, at least 50 minutes	82379	93103	93137

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