



# COVID-19 VACCINATION

## 2023 BOOSTER DOSE FUNDING

### General Practice

General practices are critical partners in the roll-out of the vaccination program, providing comprehensive immunisation coverage for their local populations. We encourage all practices to continue to support their local Residential Aged Care Facilities, Disability Support Services and Vulnerable populations to provide in-reach services to ensure eligible people received their winter dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Your PHN can assist in any facilitation or coordination as needed.

From **1 February 2023**, the vaccine suitability assessment MBS items were streamlined and simplified to reflect integration of these services into routine care.

COVID-19 funding description		MBS Item	Payment	
MBS - business hours - suitability assessment items	GP	MMM1	93644	<b>\$35.05</b>
		MMM2-7	93645	<b>\$38.45</b>
	OMP	MMM1	93646	<b>\$28.15</b>
		MMM2-7	93647	<b>\$34.80</b>
MBS- after hours – suitability assessment items	GP	MMM1	93653	<b>\$47.55</b>
		MMM2-7	93654	<b>\$50.90</b>
	OMP	MMM1	93655	<b>\$38.35</b>
		MMM2-7	93655	<b>\$44.75</b>
MBS - Remote supervision items	GP/OMP	MMM1	93660	<b>\$21.35</b>
		MMM2-7	93661	<b>\$24.40</b>
Flag fall*	GP/OMP	MMM1-7	90005	<b>\$118.15</b>
MBS – in-depth vaccine assessment item **	GP	MMM1-7	10660	<b>\$39.70</b>
	OMP	MMM1-7	10661	<b>\$31.80</b>

\* 90005 – flag fall for services in a residential aged care facility, residential disability facility or patient’s home, co-claimed with 93644, 93645, 93646, 93653, 93654, 93655, 93660 or 93661.

\*\* in-depth vaccine suitability assessment services can only be claimed once per patient

## MBS COVID-19 vaccine suitability assessment items

The simplified *MBS COVID-19 vaccine suitability assessment items* are categorised by:

- Practitioner (GP/Other Medical Practitioner);
- Location (metropolitan/non-metropolitan);

### Flag-fall item

- A flag-fall fee (MBS item 90005) can be claimed for an initial COVID-19 vaccine suitability assessment service conducted in a **residential aged care facility (RACF)**, a **residential disability facility setting** or at a **patient's place of residence**.
- MBS item 9005 must be billed in association with a COVID-19 vaccine suitability assessment service item. If a number of COVID-19 vaccine suitability assessments are being undertaken at the same facility and during the same GP or OMP visit, the item is only applicable to the vaccine suitability assessment provided to the **first** patient seen.
- The item compensates GPs for time spent outside of consulting rooms. Medical practitioners who are employed by RACFs or disability support facility settings cannot claim the flag-fall item.

### MBS remote supervision item

MBS items 93600 and 93661 improve access to vaccines for those unable to attend a vaccination site. The items allow an appropriately qualified health professional (such as a nurse or Aboriginal Health Worker) to conduct a COVID-19 Vaccine Suitability Assessment on behalf of a General Practitioner (GP) or Other Medical Practitioner (OMP).

The MBS items:

- are for vaccine suitability assessments provided on behalf of a GP or OMP, who remains responsible for the clinical outcomes of the service;
- can only be claimed for vaccinations provided outside of consultation rooms in a person's place of residence (which may include, but is not restricted to, a residential aged care home or disability care home); and
- cannot be claimed with the in-depth patient assessment item, as this requires a GP or OMP to assess a patient's individual risks and benefits associated with receiving a COVID-19 vaccine