

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

Nursing and Allied Health

From 13 March 2020 to 31 December 2021 (inclusive), temporary MBS telehealth items have been made available to help reduce the risk of community transmission of COVID-19 and provide protection for patients and health care providers.

The new temporary MBS telehealth items are available to providers of telehealth services for a wide range of consultations. All Medicare eligible Australians can now receive these services.

Practice Nurse or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner

Service	Existing face to face items	COVID-19 telehealth items	COVID-19 telephone items
Standard Consultations			
Follow up service for an Indigenous person who has received a health assessment.	10987	93200	93202
Service provided to a person with a chronic disease.	10997	93201	93203

Nurse Practitioners

Service	Existing face to face items	COVID-19 telehealth items	COVID-19 telephone items
Standard Consultations			
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 face to face items	COVID-19 telehealth items	COVID-19 telephone items
Antenatal Attendances			
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

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Obstetricians, Nurses, Midwives or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners

Service	Existing face to face items	COVID-19 telehealth items	COVID-19 telephone items
Obstetric Attendances			
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 face to face items	COVID-19 telehealth items	COVID-19 telephone items
Indigenous Chronic Disease Management			
ATSI health worker CDM service (all 13 items)	10950, 10951, 10952, 10953, 10954, 10956, 10958, 10960, 10962, 10964, 10966, 10968, 10970	93000	93013
Chronic Disease Management items introduced on 20 April 2020			
CDM service provided by a practice nurse or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner	10997	93201	93203
Indigenous Health Check			
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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Allied Health Follow-up Services for People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Descent introduced on 20 April 2020			
Follow up services provided by a practice nurse or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner	10987	93200	93202
Pregnancy Support Counselling items introduced on 30 March 2020			
Non-directive pregnancy support counselling by eligible psychologist, social worker or mental health nurse, at least 30 minutes	81000, 81005, 81010	93026	93029
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, 82030	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, 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
Dietitian Group Service items introduced on 22 May 2020			
Dietitian, eligible, assessment for a group service	81120	93284	93286
Dietitian, eligible, group service	81125	93285	Not Available

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