

Chronic Disease Management in Residential Aged Care Facilities General Practitioner or Other Medical Practitioner

From 10 December 2020 to 30 June 2022 (inclusive), new Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items will be available for care recipients in residential aged care facilities (RACFs). These items support the mental and physical health of aged care residents who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic or the measures taken to contain its spread.

For these items, the person must be a care recipient in an RACF but not as an admitted patient of a hospital.

What does this mean for providers?

These changes for care recipients in an RACF replicate the existing items for chronic disease management and health assessment services provided by a General Practitioner (GP) or Other Medical Practitioner (OMP).

Further information

- This fact sheet is one of six Practice Assist fact sheets that provide information about MBS items for care recipients in RACFs. Further information can be found on the [Practice Assist website](#).
- The full item descriptor(s) and information on other changes to the MBS can be viewed on the [MBS Online website](#), where you can also subscribe to future MBS updates by clicking 'subscribe'.
- The Department of Health provides email advice for providers about the interpretation of the MBS items and rules, and the Health Insurance Act and associated regulations. If you have a query relating exclusively to the interpretation of the MBS, email askMBS@health.gov.au
- To receive regular updates, subscribe to [News for health professionals](#) on the Services Australia website.

GP Chronic Disease Management in RACFs Item Numbers

- These items are applicable if the patient is a care recipient in a residential aged care facility.
- Flagfall: For the first patient attended during one attendance by a general practitioner at one residential aged care facility on one occasion, the fee for the medical service described in items 93469 or 93470 applies plus \$66.75.

Item	Description	Fee*
GP planning and contribution items in RACF		
93469	Professional attendance by a general practitioner at a residential aged care facility to contribute to a multidisciplinary care plan, prepared by that facility, or to a review of such a plan prepared by such a facility, if the practitioner performs any of the following: (a) prepares part of a multidisciplinary care plan and adding a copy of that part of the plan to the person's medical records; or (b) preparing amendments to part of a multidisciplinary care plan and adding a copy of the amendments to the person's medical records; (c) giving advice to a practitioner who prepares part of a multidisciplinary care plan and recording in writing, on the person's medical records, any advice provided to the practitioner; or (d) giving advice to a practitioner who reviews part of a multidisciplinary care plan and recording in writing, on the person's medical records, any advice provided to the practitioner not more than once in a 3 month period.	\$85.40

Source: www.mbsonline.gov.au (Dec 2020) – refer to source for full item details including eligibility and restrictions. *75% and/or 85%/100% rebate also applies to some of these item numbers. **Refer to MBS (Medicare Benefit Schedule) for full patient eligibility guidelines.

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93470	Professional attendance by a general practitioner at a residential aged care facility to perform a health assessment of a person who is: (a) of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent; and (b) a care recipient in a residential aged care facility not more than once in a 9 month period.	\$257.50
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Other Medical Practitioner (OMP) Chronic Disease Management in RACFs Item Numbers

- These items are applicable if the patient is a care recipient in a residential aged care facility.
- OMP refers to a medical practitioner not including a general practitioner, specialist or a consultant physician.
- Flagfall: For the first patient attended during one attendance by an OMP at one RACF on one occasion, the fee for the medical service described in items 93475 or 93479 applies plus \$48.55

OMP planning and contribution items in RACF		
93475	Professional attendance by a medical practitioner at a residential aged care facility to contribute to a multidisciplinary care plan, prepared by that facility, or to a review of such a plan prepared by such a facility, if the practitioner performs any of the following: (a) prepares part of a multidisciplinary care plan and adding a copy of that part of the plan to the person's medical records; or (b) preparing amendments to part of a multidisciplinary care plan and adding a copy of the amendments to the person's medical records; (c) giving advice to a practitioner who prepares part of a multidisciplinary care plan and recording in writing, on the person's medical records, any advice provided to the practitioner; or (d) giving advice to a practitioner who reviews part of a multidisciplinary care plan and recording in writing, on the person's medical records, any advice provided to the practitioner not more than once in a 3 month period.	\$68.35
93479	Professional attendance by a medical practitioner at a residential aged care facility to perform a health assessment of a person who is: (a) of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent; and (b) a care recipient in a residential aged care facility not more than once in a 9 month period.	\$206

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