

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).

Are flag fall items available?

Flag fall items are available for general practitioners (GPs) and other medical practitioners (OMPs) when delivering individual, face to face Better Access services in aged care facilities. The flag fall can be claimed for the first resident attended during each attendance at a facility.

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.

Flag Fall/Call Out Item Numbers		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These items are applicable if the patient is a care recipient in a residential aged care facility. • Items are available for face to face attendances. 		
Practitioner	Flag fall item number	Restrictions
GPs	90001	Can be claimed only for the first resident attended during each in-person attendance at an aged care facility when claiming items 93469 and 93470.
Other medical practitioners	90002	Can be claimed only for the first resident attended during each in-person attendance at an aged care facility when claiming items 93475 and 93479.

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.

Item	Description
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.
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.

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 consultant physician.

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.
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.

Whilst all care has been taken in preparing this document, this information is a guide only and subject to change without notice.

Source: www.mbsonline.gov.au (Jan 2021) – 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.