

MBS Attendance Items in Residential Aged Care Facilities General Practitioner or Other Medical Practitioner

The Medicare Benefit Schedule (MBS) items for use in residential aged care facilities (RACFs) relate to patients who are residents of accredited aged care facilities, rather than those in informal community care. The MBS attendance items are only for Medicare-eligible general practitioners (GPs) and other medical practitioners (OMPs) providing primary care services in RACFs. Doctors employed by RACFs cannot claim the items, nor can specialists, consultant physicians, nurses or other allied health professionals.

Attendance Consultation Items

The MBS item numbers for attendance consultations in RACFs were updated in 2019. The current consultation numbers are based on levels A, B, C and D, which are similar to those that apply in a regular general practice setting. However, there are flag fall/call out MBS item numbers that provide an incentive for GPs and OMPs to visit RACFs. It is important to note that the flag fall/call out items are for the initial attendance at one RACF, on one occasion, applicable only to the first patient seen on the RACF visit.

The flag fall/call out items cannot be billed with existing derived fee services, including after hours or telehealth services, nor can they be billed with urgent after hours items. In addition, bulk billing (items 10990 and 10991) and rural incentives apply only to attendance items, not to the flag fall/call out items 90001 and 90002. For further information, refer to MBS Notes [AN.35.1](#) (GPs) and [AN.35.2](#) (OMPs).

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 for GP and OMP

- 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.

Item	Type of Practitioner
90001	GP – Vocationally Registered (VR)
90002	Other Medical Practitioner (OMP) including Non-VR GP

Bulk Billing Incentive Item Numbers for GP and OMP

- The Modified Monash Model (MMM) classifications can be viewed at the [Modified Monash Model locator](#).

Item	Details
10990	Bulk bill incentive for under 16s or Commonwealth concession card holder in areas classified MMM 1
10991	Bulk bill incentive for under 16s or Commonwealth concession card holder in areas classified MMM 2-7

Consultation Item Numbers for GP

- 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 and claimable for each patient seen on one occasion.

Item	Details
90020	Level A
90035	Level B
90043	Level C
90051	Level D

Consultation Item Numbers for OMP

- 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 and claimable for each patient seen on one occasion.
- The Modified Monash Model (MMM) classifications can be viewed at the [Modified Monash Model locator](#).

Item	Details
90092	< 5 minutes
90093	5 to 25 minutes
90095	25 to 45 minutes
90096	> 45 minutes
90183	< 5 minutes - MMM 2-7
90188	5 to 25 minutes - MMM 2-7
90202	25 to 45 minutes - MMM 2-7
90212	> 45 minutes - MMM 2-7

Comprehensive Medical Assessment Attendances

It is recommended that a comprehensive medical assessment should be performed within six weeks of admission to an RACF and annually thereafter. Refer to MBS Note [AN.0.40](#) for eligibility and requirements.

Comprehensive Medical Assessment Item Numbers for GP and OMP

- Medical assessment of eligible patient on admission to a residential aged care facility.
- One every 12 months.

Item	Details
701	< 30 minutes
703	30 to 40 minutes
705	45 to 60 minutes
707	> 60 minutes
731	GP contribution to or review of multidisciplinary care plan

Multidisciplinary Case Conference Attendances

Multidisciplinary case conferences can be held to ensure that the patient's care needs are met through a planned and coordinated approach. Refer to MBS Note [AN.0.49](#) for eligibility and requirements.

GP or OMP Arranged – Multidisciplinary Case Conference Item Numbers

Item	Details
735	15 to 20 minutes
739	20 to 40 minutes
743	> 40 minutes

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GP or OMP as a Participant – Multidisciplinary Case Conference Item Numbers

Item	Details
747	15 to 20 minutes
750	20 to 40 minutes
758	> 40 minutes

Residential Medication Management Review Attendances

A residential medication management review is a collaborative service available to permanent residents of RACFs. Refer to MBS Notes [AN.0.52](#) (GPs) and [AN.7.18](#) (OMPs) for eligibility and requirements.

Residential Medication Management Review Item Numbers

Item	Type of Practitioner
903	GP – Vocationally Registered (VR)
249	Other Medical Practitioner (OMP)

Home Visits

Where a medical practitioner attends a patient in a self-contained unit within an RACF complex, the attendance attracts benefits under the appropriate home visit item.

Home Visit Items for GP (Derived Fee)

Item	Details
4	Level A
24	Level B
37	Level C
47	Level D

Home Visit Items for OMP (Derived Fee)

Item	Details
58	< 5 minutes
24	5 to 25 minutes
37	25 to 45 minutes
65	> 45 minutes

After Hours Attendances

After hours attendances are differentiated as urgent or non-urgent. The items listed below are for the specified time periods, level of urgency and locations other than consulting rooms, which includes RACF locations. Refer to MBS Note [AN.0.19](#) for definitions and further information.

After Hours – Non-Urgent Attendances Item Numbers for GP and OMP (Derived Fee)

			Item GP	Details	Item OMP	Details
Mon to Fri Before 8am or after 6pm	Sat Before 8am or after 12pm	Sun and public holidays All day	5010	Level A	5260	< 5 minutes
			5028	Level B	5263	5 to 25 minutes
			5049	Level C	5265	25 to 45 minutes
			5067	Level D	5267	> 45 minutes

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After Hours – Urgent Attendances Item Numbers for GP and OMP						
			Item GP	Details	Item OMP	Details
Mon to Fri 7am - 8am or 6pm - 11pm	Sat 7am - 8am or 12pm - 11pm	Sun and public holidays 7am - 11pm	585	1st patient	588	1st patient MMM 2 to 7
					591	1st patient MMM 1
			594	Additional patients after 585	594	Additional patients after 588 or 591

Unsociable Hours – Urgent Attendances Item Numbers for GP and OMP					
			Item GP	Item OMP	
Mon to Fri 11pm - 7am	Sat 11pm - 7am	Sun and public holidays 11pm - 7am	599	600	

Current Fees

For the current fees associated with the item numbers in this fact sheet, visit the [MBS Online website](https://www.mbsonline.gov.au) and search for the applicable item number. For item numbers that are calculated on a derived fee basis (dependent on the number of patients seen at the location), refer to the item number Ready Reckoner for fee calculations.

Mental Health Treatment Plans and Chronic Disease Management

For information about the MBS item numbers for Mental Health Treatment Plans and Chronic Disease Management in RACFs, refer to the Practice Assist fact sheets on the MBS page of the [Practice Assist Tool Kit](#).

*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.*