

MBS Items Practice Nurse

Medicare definition of a Practice Nurse

Medicare defines a practice nurse as either a registered or enrolled nurse who is employed, or whose services are retained, by a medical practitioner.

Practice nurse items

A series of Medicare Benefit Schedule (MBS) items are available to practice nurses who provide a service on behalf of, and under the supervision of a medical practitioner. The appropriate MBS item is billed under the supervising medical practitioner's Medicare provider number. These items assist in offsetting the cost of employing the practice nurse.

The medical practitioner under whose supervision the service is provided must be satisfied that the practice nurse is appropriately registered, qualified, trained and covered by indemnity insurance to undertake the service. The medical practitioner also retains responsibility for the health, safety and clinical outcomes of the patient.

Practice Nurse MBS Items

Item	Description
10987	Indigenous Health assessment Max of 10 per patient per calendar year.
10997	Service provided to a person with a chronic disease who has a GPMP, TCA or MCP in place. Max of 5 per patient per calendar year.
10983	Telehealth patient-end clinical support provided by a Nurse within a Telehealth eligible area or at an Aboriginal Medical Service
10984	Telehealth patient-end clinical support provided by a Nurse to a patient in RACF
16400	Antenatal Service Provided by a Nurse in a regional, rural or remote area.
10990	Additional bulk billing incentive for under 16's and concession card holders
10991	Additional bulk billing incentive for under 16's and concession card holders in a rural or remote location (Modified Monash Model 2-7 areas)

Services where a Practice Nurse may assist the Medical Practitioner

MBS services such as health assessments (MBS item numbers 701, 703, 705, 707 and 715) and chronic disease management (MBS item numbers 721, 723, 732) may only be claimed by a medical practitioner who has personally attended the patient. However, suitably qualified health professionals such as a practice nurse, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner or Aboriginal health worker employed by the general practice may assist the medical practitioner in performing these services.

Such assistance must be provided in accordance with accepted medical practice and under the supervision of the medical practitioner. This may include activities associated with:

- Information collection; and
- Providing patients with information and education.

Practice Nurse assisted MBS Items

Item	Description
701	Health Assessment# Brief <30 mins
703	Health Assessment# Standard 30-45 mins
705	Health Assessment# Long 45-60 mins
707	Health Assessment# Prolonged ≥60 mins
715	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health assessment (every 9 months)
721	GP Management Plan (GPMP)
723	Team Care Arrangements (TCA)
732	Review of a GPMP or TCA

More Information

Advice on these items and further guidance are available at:

MBS Online: <http://www.mbsonline.gov.au/>

Education guide - Practice nurse items:

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/organisations/health-professionals/topics/education-guide-practice-nurse-items/33236>

Primary Care Items:

www.health.gov.au/mbsprimarycareitems

Source: www.mbsonline.gov.au/ (July 2020) – refer to source for full item details including eligibility & restrictions.

*75% and/or 85%/100% rebate also applies to these item numbers

#Refer to MBS for full patient eligibility guidelines.

WWW.PRACTICEASSIST.COM.AU

WA Primary Health Alliance is supported by funding from the Australian Government under the PHN Program. Rural Health West is funded by the Australian Government and WA Country Health Service.

Whilst all care has been taken in preparing this document, this information is a guide only and subject to change without notice. Disclaimer: While the Australian Government has contributed funding support for this resource the information contained within it does not necessarily represent the views or policies of the Australian Government and has not been endorsed by the Australian Government.