

## COVID-19 Temporary MBS Telehealth Items: General Practice

**In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, video call is the preferred approach for substituting a face-to-face consultation. Providers will also be able to offer audio-only services via telephone if video is not available.**

**From 13 March 2020 to 30 September 2020:** (inclusive), new temporary MBS telehealth items were made available to help reduce the risk of community transmission of COVID-19 and provide protection for patients and health care providers. service may only be provided by telehealth where it is safe and clinically appropriate to do so.

**As of 20 April 2020:** it is a legislative requirement that the new telehealth services must be bulk billed for Commonwealth concession card holders, children under 16 years old and patients who are more vulnerable to COVID-19. Temporary telehealth item numbers were also introduced for existing items 10987 and 10997.

*Health providers can apply their billing practices to the telehealth items for patients who do not fit the above criteria. Providers are expected to obtain informed financial consent from patients prior to providing the service; providing details regarding their fees, including any out-of-pocket costs.*

Standard GP Attendance	Existing Items Face to face 	Video 	Phone 	Rebate COVID-19 rebates may differ from those for regular items
Attendance for an obvious problem	3	91790	91795	\$17.50
Attendance less than 20 min	23	91800	91809	\$38.20
Attendance at least 20 min	36	91801	91810	\$73.95
Attendance at least 40 min	44	91802	91811	\$108.85
<b>Health Assessment</b>				
*GP ATSI health assessment	715	92004	92016	\$215.65
Follow up service by <b>practice nurse</b> or Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander health practitioner	10987	93200	93202	\$24.40
<b>Chronic Disease Management</b>				
*GP management plan, prepare	721	92024	92068	\$146.55
*GP team care arrangement, co-ordinate development	723	92025	92069	\$116.15
*GP attendance to review or coordinate a review of GP management plan or team care arrangements	732	92028	92072	\$73.20
*GP contribution to prepare or review a multidisciplinary care plan, prepared by another provider	729	92026	92070	\$71.55
*GP contribution to prepare or review a multidisciplinary care plan, prepared by a provider when the patient was admitted or by a RACF	731	92027	92071	\$71.55
CDM service provided by <b>practice nurse</b> or Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander health practitioner	10997	93201	93203	\$12.20

<b>Autism, Pervasive Development Disorder and Disability Management</b>				
*GP early intervention services for children with autism, pervasive developmental disorder or disability	139	92142	92145	\$136.65
<b>Pregnancy Support</b>				
*GP pregnancy support counselling, more than 20 min	4001	92136	92138	\$77.85
<b>Eating Disorders Management</b>				
*GP without mental health training, prepare an eating disorder treatment and management plan, 20 to 40 min	90250	92146	92154	\$72.85
*GP without mental health training, prepare an eating disorder treatment and management plan, more than 40 min	90251	92147	92155	\$107.25
*GP with mental health training, prepare an eating disorder treatment and management plan, 20 to 40 min	90252	92148	92156	\$92.50
*GP with mental health training, prepare an eating disorder treatment and management plan, more than 40 min	90253	92149	92157	\$136.25
GP to review an eating disorder plan	90264	92170	92176	\$72.85
*GP eating disorder FPS treatment, 30 to 40 min	90271	92182	92194	\$94.25
*GP eating disorder FPS treatment, more than 40 min	90273	92184	92196	\$134.85
<b>Mental Health</b>				
*GP without mental health training, prepare a mental health plan, 20 to 40 min	2700	92112	92124	\$72.85
*GP without mental health training, prepare a mental health plan, more than 40 min	2701	92113	92125	\$107.25
*GP to review a mental health plan or Psychiatrist Assessment and management plan	2712	92114	92126	\$72.85
*GP mental health consult, more than 20 min	2713	92115	92127	\$72.85
*GP with mental health training, prepare a mental health plan, 20 to 40 min	2715	92116	92128	\$92.50
*GP with mental health training, prepare a mental health plan, more than 40 min	2717	92117	92129	\$136.25
FPS treatment of 30 to 40 min	2721 & 2729	91818	91842	\$94.25
FPS treatment of more than 40 min	2725 & 2731	91819	91843	\$134.85
<b>Urgent After Hours</b>				
*GP urgent after hours, unsociable	599	92210	92216	\$155.45

\*services introduced on 30 March 2020. On 30 March 2020, the bulk billing incentive Medicare fees double for items relating to General Practice, Diagnostic Imaging and Pathology services. These items can be claimed with the new temporary MBS telehealth items where appropriate. **Source and further information (including fact sheets and FAQs) available at MBS Online: <http://www.mbsonline.gov.au/>**